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SMALLER COUNCILS COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Candidates should complete the nomination form by 8 November 2019 and send it to NALC at nalccommittees@nalc.gov.uk.

Title	Ms
First name	Lydia
Surname	Smithson
Home address	
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County association	Lincolnshire
Council name	Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council
Precept	£185,400
Electorate	3331

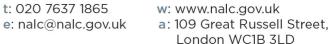
Explain why you are standing for this position (250 words max)

I have extensive experience in local government at all levels and am keen to utilise this knowledge to support smaller councils, as part of the Smaller Councils Committee. I have an interest in facilitating the development of councillors, clerks and other officers so they have the skills and knowledge required to effectively serve their communities. Therefore, I am keen to ensure resources and training continues to be relevant for smaller councils.

The local councils I have worked for have always been members of NALC and I have found their support, including the resources they provide, invaluable in enabling the council to operate within the bounds of the law, accessing specialist knowledge and undertaking training.

I value the role NALC plays in promoting the work of local councils and lobbying and would support the Committee in ensuring the voice of smaller councils are heard at a national level.







Please outline three key achievements, skills or experiences that are relevant to the position applied for (250 words max each)

Experience in the Sector

am a CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) qualified Clerk with 12 years' experience working across all tiers of local government, including 9 years working for smaller parish councils. have lived in the parishes I have worked for and actively participate in community life including volunteering.

This has provided me with extensive experience which I will draw upon to represent the interests of smaller councils within and beyond the sector.

Communication Skills

am an approachable, yet confident person, who regularly speaks at formal meetings and I will utilise these skills to contribute ideas and feedback on rural issues, policies and programmes for the benefit of our smaller councils.

I am passionate about the value of councils and will represent and promote the important and active role that smaller parish councils play in day-to-day community life.

Research, Consultation and Project Background

have a strong research, consultation and policy background and will use this experience to act as a critical friend when examining best practice documents to assist local councils.

Our Council has recently won a national commendation for community engagement for a regeneration project, which I am the lead officer on. This reflects the value which I place on public participation and am keen to engage smaller local councils and give a voice to their views at a national level.

am involved in all aspects of council life from developing policies and procedures; managing the council's finances; securing grants; being the lead officer on our made Neighbourhood Development Plan and previously a Parish Plan; community events including a Waterfront Festival and a 5k/2k race and; projects including new play areas, cycle tracks and a regeneration project for our Conservation Area. I will draw on this knowledge to fulfil the requirements of the role and serve smaller local councils.

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.



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Signature	Lydia Smithson
Date	07 th November 2019