

Nominations received for Finance and Scrutiny committee

Finance & Scrutiny
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Elected
Graham Ford
Tony Howard
John Plant
Duncan Wright
<i>Richard Parry has withdrawn as he has taken a seat on Management board</i>

FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Title	Cllr
First name	Graham
Surname	FORD
County association	Cornwall
Council name	Illogan Parish Council
Precept	£ 182, 844
Electorate	4484

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

My experience after a number of years as a 'back-bencher' and then a full four year term in my own right as Chair of the former Finance Committee overseeing the return of the Association to a nearly balanced budget and out-turn format and recently the closing cycle of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee. Continuity and a deep knowledge of the detail and history of the factors that have affected us will be essential as the Assembly and Management Board move to the changes attendant on both the post-pandemic situation and the Internal Review to commence in January .

My service to NALC has been shaped by all that I learned in a full three year term as Chair of the Finance Committee of a former District Council as well as Local Council's representative for ten years to the various Cornwall Primary Care Trust Boards, Other portfolios have included that for the Local Councils for Cornwall, Devon & Dorset on the former South West Regional Assembly .

In the wider world, my employment in the retail sector culminated as Group Buyer for a small provincial Departmental Store group and subsequently – after completing college courses and qualifications in a range of other management skills – switching to providing internal accounting and financial support to a series of assorted and typical Cornwall SME's.

My university education was markedly different – Oxford M.A. In Theology – and in 2005 after further training and formation in academic and pastoral theology and then after surviving unexpected but successful rather drastic neural surgery - I was Licenced as a Lay Minister in Truro Diocese (serving spare-time) in three (ecclesiastical) Parishes , retiring recently but continuing with a Bishop's "Permission" .

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

PART OF A SUCCESSFUL JOINT BID FOR A SINGLE MASS INSTALLATION OF 'OF MAINS GAS TO ALL PROPERTIES IN MY PARISH WARD AT NO COST TO THOSE OPTING IN. (Perhaps it helped that the area was the central chunk of my District seat at a time when I held some sway on the principal authority.) THIS ALSO MADE A HUGE IMPROVEMENT TO WINTER TIME AIR QUALITY.

CHAIRING A JOINT BID WITH THE THEN COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILS AS PART OF THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT OF A DERELICT LARGE FORMER RECTORY'S GARDEN INTO A COMMUNITY WOODLAND AND TIED TO A LONG AWAITED REMODELLING OF A DIFFICULT FIVE WAYS ROAD JUNCTION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE VILLAGE - £330 k PROJECT

SECURING THE REDRAFTING AND THEN REPEAT OF A SOCIAL NEEDS SURVEY * OF THE CIVIL PARISH DOWN TO A SUB-WARD LEVEL THUS REVEALING OTHERWISE HIDDEN ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS.

[* By the then County Council and Bristol University.]

FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Title	Cllr
First name	Tony
Surname	Howard
County association	Lincolnshire
Council name	Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council
Precept	£641k
Electorate	c11k

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

I became a member of this committee only recently and believe I have become an active contributor to the meetings I have attended. I would very much like to continue this activity for a further term.

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From 1989 I have been self employed running a small, but international, business dealing in recorded music and music memorabilia. A vital element of which was the ability to manage the finances.

During 20+ years on my town council I have constantly been a member of the Administration Committee which looks after the financial reports and the budget setting process. I have been chair or vice-chair of this committee on many occasions across this period.

I have worked with many community organisations as a trustee to ensure sound financial practises but am particularly proud of my time with Mablethorpe Marathon Foundation for whom I not only administrated their books but was also took a leading role in negotiating sponsorship deals.

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

16-September-2021

FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Title	Cllr (Mr)
First name	John
Surname	Plant
County association	Derbyshire
Council name	Eyam PC
Precept	£43,000.00
Electorate	777

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

As a current member of this Committee I am seeking re-election for continuity of financial oversight.

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

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

Christopher John Plant

Date

19th October 2021

FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Title	Mr
First name	Duncan
Surname	Wright
County association	South Yorkshire
Council name	Wadworth Parish Council
Precept	£20000
Electorate	1100 (approx)

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

I am a CiPFA qualified accountant and before retirement I worked in local government, including time as a Principal Auditor and later in the Water Industry, specialising in management accounting. In the early 2000s, I was the National Treasurer of the SLCC. I was also Clerk to a medium sized Town Council for 19 years, gaining Quality Council status..

I was until recently Vice-Chair of the Yorkshire Associations and currently serve on the Finance and Scrutiny Committee and the Strategic Working Group.

I am standing as a member of the committee because I possess all the skills and experience necessary to assist the National Association on all financial and scrutiny matters. I feel I can make a positive contribution to the National Association moving forward.

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

As a member of Yorkshire's Finance and Scrutiny Committee, I have made a significant contribution to budget preparation and in particular to the format of budget reporting, simplifying the process. The scrutiny elements include assisting with the formation of various policies and ensuring that all financial processes of the Associations are adhered to.

The Strategic Working Group, of which I have been a member since its inception, looks, as the name suggests, at the strategic direction of the Associations. One of the first actions was to reduce the number of members serving on the Joint Executive Board, reducing costs and making it a leaner organisation. The Group has examined all aspects of the Associations' performance and has allocated responsibilities to the Finance Committee, the Personnel Committee and the Joint Executive Board.

When I was appointed as Treasurer to the SLCC, a part-time Chief Executive had been appointed and the Society was beginning to invest heavily in training and the numbers of employees was increasing at a pace. I set up a budget reporting mechanism and a computerised payroll using Sage, producing regular reports to the Board.