

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR SMALLER COUNCILS

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WHY?

Services previously provided by principal authorities are diminishing or disappearing

Therefore Local councils need to establish from their communities what services they would like and to find ways of providing those services in the most cost effective and efficient way.

For many this will mean developing the capacity of the council to provide services which they previously did not.

Raising funds to pay for these services may be necessary but councils need to get best value for their spends by working in ways they may not have done in the past.

WHAT ARE NALC DOING TO HELP?

A survey of what councils are currently doing to build capacity was carried out by the Smaller Councils Committee in late 2016

The results were analysed in 2017 and a report of the analysis is available on the smaller councils area of the NALC website.

This follows an earlier paper highlighting working together case studies which is also available.

WHAT DID THE NALC SURVEY FIND?

A number of common approaches or themes emerged including:-

- Managing Volunteers;
- Combining to create more attractive contracts; and
- Community transport.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Have a look at the website for ideas that might work for you

Surveys can only capture so much and will reflect very different structures and environments so look closer to home by attending training and networking events by your County Association and others.

Help NALC expand the database of examples by letting the Smaller councils Committee know of your or your neighbour's initiatives

THANK YOU

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