

Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils
West Lancashire Area Committee

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Dear Terry

I have been asked by the member parishes of LALC to propose changes in the Standards Committee membership to include parish councillors. In previous years there were 2 parish council representatives on the Standards Committee and the LALC area committee think this should be re-introduced as the Standards Committee deals mainly with parish council issues. We have also spoken with parishes who are not members of LALC and they also agree with this proposal.

I believe this stems from the recent investigation concerning Burscough which took a long time to be dealt with and the outcome didn't resolve the issue fully as all councillors received the same "punishment" when only one had committed the offence.

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The issue of the Code of Conduct training sessions were also discussed and again most members felt we should return to the original format when the discussions and role playing were more important rather than a long talk from a legal print which at the last session was boring and full of too many legal comments instead of examples.

Hoping you will consider these points.

Regards

Irene

Irene O'Donnell (Mrs)
Hon. Secretary