



The purpose of this paper is to report to Members on the meeting with the Hampshire Association of Local Councils held on Thursday 10 January 2019.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council decided by Minute 136/17 of its meeting of 11 December 2017 to withdraw from membership of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) from 1 April 2018 and join the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) as a Development Partner.
 - b) There are currently eight of the Island's Town and Parish Councils that are not in membership of IWALC, four of which are Development Partners with HALC.
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2) IWALC

- a) IWALC has made contact not only with HALC but also with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to try to prevent HALC from maintaining its Development Partner status and to insist that Town and Parish Councils can only be in membership with their own County Association.
 - b) It requested a meeting with HALC that took place on 19 October; IWALC's Minutes of its 15 November meeting record its assessment that: *Members were not comfortable with being completely tied in to HALC and felt IWALC could be consumed by the larger organisation.*
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3) HALC

- a) HALC is structured as a Company Limited by Guarantee and has over 230 Town & Parish Councils in membership organised into seven District Associations reflecting the local authorities within the emparished areas of the County.
 - b) Under HALC's current Memorandum & Articles, Town & Parish Councils outside the County are designated as Development Partners rather than Members, though still having access to the same range of professional services and information as Members.
 - c) Each of the District Associations has a right to have a seat on the main Board.
 - d) Its annual turnover is around £220k with 36% coming from Hampshire Council Grant, 33% from Affiliation Fees and 31% from Earned income.
 - e) It has seven staff and more information is available from its web site [here](#).
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4) ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' MEETING

- a) HALC requested a meeting with its Island Development Partners to report back on their discussions with IWALC and discuss matters of mutual interest.
 - b) Its Chair, Councillor Mike Evans and Interim Chief Executive Dawn Hamblet came to Sandown's Broadway Centre on Thursday 10 January and the Town Council's Clerk and Councillor Jason Mack attended the 90 minute meeting.
 - c) Councillor Jason Mack will report back to the Town Council on that meeting.
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