



Minutes of the Executive Committee

7th March 2024

Venue: Warwick University (Private)

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LinkedIn: [Society of District Council Treasurers \(SDCT\)](https://www.linkedin.com/company/society-of-district-council-treasurers)

SDCT Members in Attendance: Adrian Rowbotham (President), Angela George (Secretary), Alison Scott, Christine Marshall, Homira Javadi, Jon Illingworth, Emma Foy, Terry Collier, Clare Fletcher.

❖ It was confirmed that the meeting was quorate (i.e. one third of Executive members were present)

1. **SDCT Executive Apologies:** Simon Freeman, Peter Catchpole, David Stanley, Richard Baker, Clive Mason.

2. **Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 5th January 2024 were agreed and will be published on the website.

Outstanding Actions:

- **HRA:**

Homira updated the meeting on the issue of the HRA and whether there was an opportunity to look at changes to rent setting arrangements.

Action – Homira

- **Drainage Board Levy:**

Christine updated members on progress with this issue and will continue to feedback as appropriate.

Action – Christine

Any other matters arising, or other outstanding issues are considered further on the agenda.

3. **SDCT Conference Agenda**

The SDCT Conference would immediately follow this meeting. The Executive discussed the agenda and any areas of particular interest they would wish to concentrate on.

4. **Financial Issues Update:**

Financial Sustainability and Resilience was one of the main themes of the Conference and several speakers would highlight current issues.

5. **Local Government Audit update**

- **ALATS Survey** – no results were available yet.

- **FRC Roundtables** – no-one present had attended.

- **Audit Delay Consultations** – Richard Baker had circulated a draft SDCT response which was due to be submitted today.

Action – Alison to feedback comments to Richard made by Executive on backstop date.

6. SDCT – Accounts and Materiality Project

Alison Scott updated the meeting on the above project – awaiting final ministerial announcement on the audit backlog issue. It was felt that potentially some movement may be possible on smaller body accounts.

Action – Alison to update on progress.

7. Consultations:

- **Audit Delays** - See above Para 5.

8. SDCT Executive - Advisor updates

There were no further updates other than those already covered on the agenda.

9. SDCT Accounts 22/23 and Budget 24/25

Clare updated the Executive on the 22/23 Accounts and 24/25 budget. It was noted that Zurich Municipal would no longer be sponsoring SDCT, and a new corporate sponsor would be sought. Otherwise, the SDCT accounts were showing a healthy position. An auditor was being sought from within the Executive to Audit the accounts.

Action – Clare / Angela to progress issue of Auditor.

10. Any Other Business

- Updates from other meetings – none (all dealt with above).
- Housing Roundtable – No progress currently (Emma / Terry).
- CIPFA Conference 10/11 July – it has been confirmed that the SDCT has a conference workshop slot. Possible subjects to be discussed at the next meeting.

**11. DONM's – 19th April 10am (Private)
 17th May 10am (Public)**