



## Minutes of the Executive Committee

20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Venue: Scarman House, Warwick Conference Centre (Private) Meeting

SDCT Website: [www.cipfa.org/partners/society-of-district-council-treasurers](http://www.cipfa.org/partners/society-of-district-council-treasurers)  
LinkedIn: Society of District Council Treasurers (SDCT)

**SDCT Members in Attendance:** Jon Illingworth (Vice President), Angela George (Secretary), Clare Fletcher, Alison Scott, Suzanne Jones, David Stanley, Richard Baker, Richard Bates, Paul Stone, Lorraine Rogers.

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

1. **SDCT Executive Apologies:** Adrian Rowbotham, Homira Javadi, Colleen Warren, Peter Catchpole, Bec Maher, Simon Hewings.

2. **Goodbyes:**

Hannah Doney and Terry Collier have resigned from the Executive. The Executive passed on their best wishes and thanks for all the support they have given to SDCT.

3. **Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were agreed and will be published on the website.

Any matters arising have either been actioned or are considered further on the agenda.

4. **SDCT Conference Programme**

The Executive discussed the programme for the SDCT Conference starting that afternoon.

On LGR, it was agreed that Deputy S151 progression would be key to resilience going forward and Jon would raise potential training with CIPFA.

**Action - Jon**

5. **SDCT Report and Accounts 2023/24 and Budget 2025/26.**

Clare reported on the accounts and budget. Following discussion on the balances available and the forthcoming changes to Districts from LGR. The following was agreed for recommendation to the General Meeting of members following this:

- The 25/26 subscriptions would be charged at the same rate as 2024/25 i.e. £200 for a single District and £150 per jointly run District.
- To review the subscriptions again following the November LGR submissions.

- Balances are projected to be c.£150k assuming the same level of sponsorship. It was agreed that this could be used to support member Districts during LGR e.g. training.

**Action – Clare to recommend to the General Meeting.**

**6. Upcoming Consultations**

Currently none.

It was noted that David will take over from Jon as the consultation co-ordinator, but the spreadsheet system would not be used.

**7. SDCT Executive - Advisor updates**

It was agreed that Richard Baker would be the new SDCT Auditor following Hannah's resignation from the Executive.

Suzanne offered to take over reporting to the Executive on the Internal Drainage Board issue.

Alison advised that she was on the working group for the Building Safety Levy.

**Action – Angela to update the advisor areas following the changes to the Executive.**

**8. SDCT Constitution changes**

The changes discussed at the previous meeting were agreed with a further change to the approval of the Accounts being recommended to the General Meeting.

**Action – Angela to publish the revised Constitution on the website.**

**9. Any Other Business**

It was agreed that Mark Dickenson, Assistant Director of Finance and Strategy at North Northamptonshire Council and an ex-member of the SDCT Executive should be invited to the SDCT meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May to share his experience of LGR.

**Action – Richard Bates to liaise with Mark to discuss.**

**10. DONM – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Private – Virtual)**