

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER, 2022
BRIEFING NOTE
DEVON ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council is a longstanding member of the Devon Association of Local Councils – the local body for membership of the National Association of Local Councils which represents and serves the interests of the local (third tier) sector.
- 1.2 At its Annual Meeting, the Council appoints a representative and a reserve representative to attend at and represent its interests with DALC.
- 1.3 Each autumn (typically in October) there is also a one-day DALC Conference accompanying the Annual General Meeting of the Association, together with various training and networking activities for a fee (this year £35.00). In the past this has often been attended by either the appointed DALC representative, or their Deputy.

2. CURRENT SITUATION

- 2.1 Following attendance by the nominated DALC Deputy this year the suggestion was made by her that the nature and style of the Conference part of the event (i.e. not the AGM which is one Council one vote) would potentially lend itself to attendance by other Councillors subject to the appropriate sharing of transport and availability.
- 2.2 Whilst only the nominated representative may exercise a vote on behalf of the Council at the DALC AGM, there is no restriction on attendance by other members at the Conference events subject to payment of the necessary fee.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee and Council determine whether or not it:
 - a) wishes to extend the opportunity to other Members of Council (and if so, how many) to attend at the DALC Annual Conference subject to the sharing of transport arrangements (to mitigate costs);
 - b) In the event that the proposal progresses, it be agreed that all bookings for attendance be made through the Office in advance of the event and subject to the Council's training policy, in the normal way.

**CARL HEARN
TOWN CLERK
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