

# CHELMSFORD ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

**Supporting Parish and Town Councils in the District of Chelmsford**

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## Formation and Growth

It's remarkable to reflect on how far we've come since CALC's inception on 18th June 2025. Seventeen local councils united with a shared vision — to strengthen collaboration, amplify our collective voice, and shape the future of local governance. That day, we unanimously voted to form the Association and elected our officers, clerk, and executive committee.

Since then, six more councils have joined our ranks, bringing our membership to 23. This growth is a testament to the appetite for meaningful local representation and shared purpose.

## Building the Foundation

We've laid important groundwork over the past few months:

- Held a special meeting to agree and confirm the Association's Constitution
- Convened four executive committee meetings to develop a CALC framework and launch a membership-wide consultation
- Begun planning future meetings, including speaker topics and venue options

This momentum reflects our commitment to building a robust and responsive organisation.

## Engagement with EALC

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair have joined the EALC executive committee and attended two meetings so far. Our aim is to present EALC with a clear and unified list of CALC members' expectations — a vital step toward influencing broader local government structures.

## A Call to Action

At our first meeting, I emphasised that CALC is not a “magic bullet.” Its success depends on active participation and honest feedback from every member.

Unfortunately, we’ve received responses from fewer than half of our councils regarding the consultation.

This lack of input makes it difficult to plan meaningful meetings, advocate effectively to EALC, or explore representation at higher levels of local government. Your voice matters — and we need it now more than ever.

## Looking Ahead

CALC was born from a desire to do things differently — to collaborate, to be heard, and to shape our future. Let’s honour that spirit by engaging fully, sharing ideas, and showing up for one another.

Together, we can build an Association that truly reflects the needs and aspirations of our communities.

Warm regards,

Bob Kilvington

Chairman

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