

LCAS Foundation Award - Proposal

Background

The **Foundation Award** is for councils who want to show they meet a set of minimum standards to deliver effectively for their communities.

To meet this award the council demonstrates that it has the required documentation and information in place for operating lawfully and according to standard practice.

The council also has policies for training for its councillors and officers and so has the foundations for improvement and development in place.

The Foundation award allows you to benchmark your performance as well as challenge you to consider your council's continuing development and improvement.



Part of the Twigworth Parish Council 4-Year Plan draft, includes a target of achieving the Local Council Award Scheme "Foundation Award" as a short term goal.

The Foundation Award is the first step towards achieving other awards.

Registration and Costs

The first step is to register online with NALC. The Council will then be charged a £50 registration fee by NALC

Proposals

1. That Council support the proposal to apply to the Local Council Award Scheme and register for the Foundation Award
2. That Council adopts the following Policies:
 - (a) Finance Regulations Policy
 - (b) Risk Management Policy
 - (c) Complaints Policy
 - (d) Disciplinary Policy
 - (e) Grievance Policy
 - (f) Biodiversity Policy
 - (g) Training & Development Policy
 - (h) Environmental Policy
 - (i) Communications Policy
 - (j) Privacy Policy
 - (k) Accessibility Statement
 - (l) Publication Scheme
 - (m) Social Media Policy