

Coronavirus Guidance from SALC

SALC have considered the implications of the developing Coronavirus situation and its impact on SALC's work and resilience. We hope that the information below will be useful:

Keeping up to date

The Local Government Association (LGA) has published a very useful list of different government advice sources <https://www.local.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-councils> and would recommend taking a look at Government advice at regular intervals.

SALC current activity

As the government advice currently is broadly business as usual, area forums, clerk networking and training events will still go ahead. We also still plan to keep any commitments to attend events and meetings across the county, but of course, if government advice changes then we will reassess and communication as soon as possible.

We will be assessing future meetings and suitability for video/telephone conferencing with reduced agendas/programmes, and will confirm with all relevant parties once a decision has been made.

Emergency preparedness

While we expect we will be able to continue to work as normal, it is worth preparing for all eventualities. SALC is a small team and so we have considered our different communication channels, should there be a significant reduction in our capacity. To manage this we will keep the SALC website up to date on the status of our capacity, making it clearly visible on our homepage what our status is. We have also created this [new page](#) so that all communications, guidance and advice is in one place. In any event, we will aim to maintain email and telephone contact with our members in the usual way.

Depending on the severity of the virus' impact, any urgent decisions that require SALC Board input will be managed by email by Sally Longmate in consultation with Board members.

Local council preparedness

We would encourage all of you to start considering different scenarios and your preparedness. We will be happy to discuss this with you if that would help you manage this with more confidence.

Working with others

We will be circulating this to all principle authorities and ask that any decisions on the way they work are made with the impact on local councils in mind. In addition, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) will also be engaging with Government on a range of issues and we will keep you updated on any developments.