

Report by Cllr J R Scragg on WALC

I attended the WALC Annual General Meeting on 25th October 2025 which was held at Community First offices at Devizes. It was RESOLVED that Cllr John Scragg (Chippenham TC) be elected as chair for the ensuing year. And that Cllr Andrew Sadler-Smith (Cherhill PC) be elected as vice chair for the ensuing year. In attendance were Cllr Richard Clewer, leader of Wiltshire Council and Cllr Nick Botteril Cabinet Member – Finance, Development Management & Strategic Planning. WALC membership stands at 230 councils which represents 83% of the total in Wiltshire & Swindon.

I also attended and chaired an on-line meeting of the Executive Committee on 15th November 2023.

I also the National Assembly of NALC on 3rd October 2023 and the AGM on 24th October 2023 (also on line). I will be attending a meeting of the National Assembly at the LGA offices in Westminster on 29th November and this will be followed by a reception at the House of Lords which will also be attended by MPs and peers.

Other: the NALC AGM approved an increase in subscription fees from 7.71p to 7.94p per elector for each county. NALC made a trading loss of £12,799 in 2022/23 (not really material and available room reserves). Separately, the former NALC HQ in Gt Russell Street was sold for £2.75M (gross ie before cost of sale was paid for).

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