LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGAL SOCIETY

Trust Fund

Annual Report 2022

The Trust was established in 1976 and re-formed into a company limited by guarantee in 2013. The objects of the Trust include: -

*"To promote and develop the role of **solicitors and trainee solicitors** employed in local government in legal, managerial and administrative capacities and to take appropriate action on all matters concerning their training professional development duties responsibilities remuneration and interests."*

"To pay or apply the trust fund at the absolute discretion of the Trustees to or for the benefit of solicitors and trainee solicitors in local government generally."

During 2022 the turbulence in the financial markets and the cost-of-living increase impacted upon the Trust's investments which had been adversely affected by the volatility of the markets following the pandemic. It also continued to affect the trust's applications for grants which were slightly less than 2022. Nevertheless, the trustees agreed to provide funding of circa £7,000 in sponsorship and grants, for example towards the fees of solicitors and trainees undertaking the Local Government Diploma, together with financial support to LLG Ltd towards its website, bulletin, and annual awards.

All local government trainees and solicitors are eligible for support, provided the applicant is working in local government at the time the application for grant is made to the Trust, and their application is supported by their employing local authority. Whilst each application is considered on its merits, the trustees look for commitment to local government from applicants and they give preference to courses providing the candidate with a qualification.

The Trust does not give grant support for accommodation and travel costs to courses.

The Trust committed to undertaking a strategy review during 2022 to attract more applications for bursaries and to provide a wider range of financial support to local government trainees and solicitors to assist them throughout their career. The strategy review will be finalised, and its outcomes implemented, during 2023.

The trust awards a prize to the best candidate from local government who reaches a standard approved by the Course Tutors in all aspects of the Local Government

Diploma Course. Congratulations to Lee Raymond Gardner of from Derbyshire Dales District Council who won the Trust's annual prize of £250 this year.

Finally, during 2022 the Trust said goodbye to John Bremers and Paul Thomas, who, after many years of dedicated service retired as trustees.