LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGAL SOCIETY

Trust Fund

Annual Report 2021

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."

The year 2021 will be remembered as the second year of Covid 19 pandemic, with families still being devastated by the virus itself, as well as its effects, with lockdowns, self-isolation, and working from home. It also continued to affect the trust's investments as well as applications for grants. 2021 saw the trust receive less than 20% of the applications it received in 2019. Nevertheless, the trustees still provided just over £7,000 in sponsorship and grants, for example towards the fees of solicitors and trainees undertaking the Local Government Diploma, and financial support to LLG Ltd towards its website and bulletin.

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. Currently, we generally give 50% of a course fee as a grant.
The Trust does not give grant support for attendance at the LLG Spring Conference nor for accommodation and travel costs to courses.

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 Angela Mills of Buckinghamshire Council who won the Trust's annual prize of £250 for 2020-21 course.

Finally, during 2021 the Trust welcomes 3 new trustees to its board, Melanie O'Sullivan, Nicole Walker, and Karen Weir. It also said goodbye to Felicity Hildred, who, after many years of dedicated service retired as a trustee.