



Annual Report 2024

The Trust was established in 1976 and was 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.”

All local government trainees and solicitors are eligible for support, provided the applicant is working in local government at the time the application for a 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 a qualification. Ordinarily up to 50% of a course fee is awarded by way of a bursary, although each application is considered on its merits. The Trust does not provide support for accommodation and travel costs to courses. The 2023 strategy review permitted the inclusion of some Lawyers in Local Government Ltd (LLG) courses, which are now eligible for support.

The total financial support provided to local government solicitors and trainee solicitors in 2024 was £13,840.

- The Trust received eight applications for financial support of which five individuals were offered bursaries. One application was declined as the course had already started and another was rejected as the applicant was not working within local government. One application related to a course that was subsequently cancelled.
Of the five bursaries that were granted only four offers were taken up, as the remaining applicant did not pursue their application in 2024. There was a further payment made in 2024 for a bursary approved in 2023.
- The Trust engaged LLG to deliver a free course on Political Awareness to solicitors/trainee solicitors new to working within local authorities. The initial take-up of places meant that the course was initially over-subscribed.

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- 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 Rebekah Freeman of East Sussex City Council who won the Trust's annual prize of £250 for the 2023-24 course.
- The Trust also provided financial support to the LLG website and bulletin.

In 2024 the Financial Director, Dennis Hall, retired from the Trust. We thank Dennis for his commitment during his tenure as a trustee and wish him well with his future endeavours. The trust welcomed Natasha Jindal as a newly appointed trustee.