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Dear Member Council

As we write to you regarding subscriptions for the coming financial year 2021 - 22 we are all still experiencing very difficult circumstances due to the ongoing pandemic. The past year has seen significant changes at both government and local council level and we would like to thank all of our members for their efforts as well as their support over these times.

The Association has continued to deliver increased numbers of training courses remotely to meet not only councils and councillor needs but also to assist clerks with some of the more demanding areas of their work, such as burial and cemetery management, open spaces, communication strategies and website management and accessibility. We have introduced a new e-learning platform which allows clerks and councillors to develop through courses at their own pace. The Breakthrough courses that we introduced at the beginning of lockdown have remained an essential part of our training strategy. We remain hopeful that during this coming year we will be able to return to physical meetings and look forward to meeting and networking with you once again.

We have set up a new Member Benefit with Breakthrough Communications, allowing our members a further discount on their subscription based hubs, Compliant Councils Hub and the Communications Hub, click on <https://breakthroughcomms.co.uk/> then services for details.

We will continue with support to all our members and represent your interests with other organisations NALC, SLCC and Government through the local MP's. We have worked with and will continue to work with the Unitary Councils to ensure that your voices as the first tier of government are heard and your views taken into account.

During the continuing period of uncertainty we are sending out information as soon as we receive it. We are aware that some council clerks and councillors may feel overwhelmed by the amount of information they are receiving but it is our ethos to ensure you are kept updated and supported on all matters during these rapidly changing times of uncertainty

The Association and Executive Board would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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