



About Us

The National Association of Councillors Northern Ireland Region was set up over 25 years ago, after local councillors decided they needed a strong local body as well as belonging to the UK National Association of Councillors.

The NAC is the only organisation directly run by councillors and we represent all of the 462 elected members in Northern Ireland. We consistently lobby on their behalf with local authorities, ministers, government departments and other relevant bodies. We have made major gains in councillors' pay and conditions as a result of councillors acting collectively in their common interest. For example we have:

- Increased councillors' allowances
- Speeded up payments
- Achieved a councillors' pension scheme
- Achieved a Dependants' Carers' Allowance
- Pushed for improved councillor training
- Represented councillors' interests during the local government reorganisation
- Achieved the Independent Remuneration Panel and increased councillors' allowances for new councils
- Achieved severance payments for councillors
- Had councillors' travel expenses exempted from tax and National Insurance
- Given advice on making tax and expenses claims to HMRC

NAC Aims and Objectives

1. To represent councillors' rights, responsibilities, pay and conditions with local authorities, government departments and other relevant organisations.
2. To give advice to councillors on legal, taxation, electoral and other issues.
3. To provide a forum for councillors to voice opinions and concerns.
4. To provide a forum for councillors to exchange information and experience.
5. To respond to government consultations on matters affecting councillors.
6. To provide training courses and other professional support for councillors.