

All member councils in West Sussex

Parish on Line – options for West Sussex member councils

At the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July the Board discussed options for future licensing arrangements for towns and parishes to access Parish on Line at the most favourable rate.

It is widely recognised that Parish on Line is an extremely valuable tool for Councillors and Clerks providing essential information through digital map overlays supporting areas where a council could be at risk without accurate information.

Chris Mewse of Geosphere has confirmed the following pricing options :

[a] West Sussex parishes under a single subscription representing a 65% discount compared with the cost for an individual parish.

£8,407

[b] By District Associations, if DALCs were to enter into a licence for its parishes

CDALC        £3,670

MSALC        £3,475

HALC         £2,895

ADALC + Adur £1,970

Total by DALC        £12,010

[c] Individual subscriptions for all WSx parishes        £24,020

Clearly the most advantageous arrangement is for a single subscription for the whole of the County entered into by WSALC with a need to recover costs from member councils. The fairest way to do this would be to place our councils currently in membership in one of three bands, ie

Up to 1000 electors                    53 councils @ £50 =        £2,650

From 1001 – 3000                    43 councils @ £70 =        £3,010

Above 3001                            32 councils @ £90 =        £2,880

Total    £8,540

Both Geosphere and Paul Richards, a West Sussex Clerk are able to provide advice and guidance to users to ensure the benefits of Parish on Line are maximised.

The vast majority of councils have already indicated they wish to continue with the system and you will shortly receive an invoice for the coming year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Trevor Leggo

12<sup>th</sup> August 2021