



What is CCIN?

<https://www.councils.coop/>

A network of local authorities committed to reforming the way they work through building an equal partnership with local people.

The network is open to all UK councils regardless of political affiliation who can demonstrate innovation and a willingness to drive forward the cooperative council agenda. We also welcome affiliate members from professional bodies, policy groups and other associations.

CCIN work together to learn, share and develop innovative new approaches to turning co-operative principles into local practice that makes a tangible difference across our communities.

What are the benefits for Witney Town Council?

By becoming part of the network we will:

- access the latest ideas and thinking about putting Cooperative principles into practice
- position your council as an innovator
- help to influence policy thinking at national level
- share examples of projects and initiatives and learn from others about what works
- co-produce tools and techniques to support the development of cooperative approaches
- be invited to Cooperative Conferences around the country where you can meet and work with peers
- join an officer network who are leading the development of new approaches
- have access to a cadre of ambitious political leaders who are trying to bring change to their communities
- access a growing body of resources on the CCIN website
- join the debate on our active social media platforms
- access our multi-supplier Dynamic Purchasing System of specialist organisations to help you develop policy, implement prototypes and build capacity when you need to move quickly and flexibly
- profile your council's achievements nationally.

Other members

Larger councils that are members include those of a range of political colours such as Oxford, Milton Keynes, Southampton, Hull, Plymouth, Torbay and Preston. Other town councils who are associates are also of all political colours and include Billingham, Halewood, Winsford and Seaton Valley.

How can Witney Town Council join?

We are eligible for Associate Membership at a cost of £500 per year. In return we would receive the following specific services.

| Member benefit | Associate |
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| Mailings inc Monthly eNewsletter | Yes, 10 email addresses |
| Access to Peer Review | No |
| Access to Officers' Network | Yes |
| Access to Procurement Framework | Yes |
| Access to Members' Forum | Yes |
| Access to 'Membership Category' WhatsApp Group | Yes |
| Able to apply for Policy Lab & Policy Prototype funding | Yes |
| Submit Case Studies for the website | Yes |
| Submit Case Studies for the Case Studies printed pack | Yes |
| Submit a blog post ⁷ | Yes |
| Annual conference and AGM attendance | 1 free place, others at 50% discount |
| Invitations to CCIN events | Yes |
| Printed publications on request | Yes |
| Access to bespoke Induction Programme | Yes |
| Eligible to stand for EOC | Yes |
| Eligible to vote for EOC members | Yes |
| Eligible to stand for V&P Board | Yes |
| Eligible to vote for V&P Board members | Yes |

In particular the following are of particular value to Witney:

- Advice on service improvement and community involvement
- Training for councillors and officers
- Access to expertise in innovation
- A way to promote the needs of market towns as well as meeting our own
- Grant funding and expertise for innovation projects with other members – recent examples include a tablet loan scheme for unemployed people, an economic development community programme led by Oxford
- Support for promoting new cooperatives in Witney