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Mrs Sarah Summers  
Stratford upon Avon Town Council  
Town Hall  
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Dear Mrs Summers

**Join WALC for 2021 / 2022 and save £1,671.00**

The Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils (WALC) is the representative body for local councils in the region. As a not-for-profit membership organisation, we advise, support, train and represent over 180 of your fellow Parish and Town Councils. We are affiliated to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) who provide us with the best and most up-to-date guidance to help you on a range of matters.

This year, NALC have decided to give free membership for the balance of the first year to Councils joining for the first time in at least two years. This means that qualifying Councils will benefit from a whole year of NALC membership free of charge. Although local WALC membership fees will still apply, this offer represents a significant cost saving that we hope you will seriously consider.

We note that your Council is not currently in membership. As the County Officer of WALC, I would like to extend this offer to Stratford upon Avon Town Council and I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter to your Chair and Councillors, for consideration whilst setting your budget for 2021/22.

Please see over the page for a breakdown of your Council's discounted fee offer for 2021/2022

**WHY JOIN WALC?**

- **Confidential Advice and Support**  
*Readily available to Chairmen and Clerks on correct procedures, legislation, finance and audit requirements and also on budget preparation, precept setting, policies, financial risk management and loans*
- **Learning and Network**  
*Councillor and Clerk training on core, as well as specialist, topics such as declaring a climate emergency, VAT, allotments, cemetery & playgrounds, community engagement, public rights of way \*NEW\* online training in 2020*
- **Publications, Legal Topic Notes and Good Practice Notes**  
*Discounted rates for publications; also a document library available to download from a secure area on our website, plus a free subscription to NALC's quarterly Local Council Review, with in-depth articles and features (worth £40/year)*
- **Accreditation for Your Council and Your Clerk**  
*Assisting you with achieving a Local Councils Award & CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration)*
- **Legal Advice**  
*Free solicitors' advice from NALC on behalf of any of our Member Councils*
- **Two Free Hours of Independent Specialist Advice**  
*Planning advisory service or professional HR support provided by qualified independent consultants*

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