

Additional briefing sessions: It's time to appoint your Data Protection Officer

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Dear Clerks,

Given the deadline is getting closer and that these events are already proving extremely popular, we would urge you to book quickly onto these additional sessions as previous advertised dates are already fully booked.

Thursday 9 November 2pm – 4pm

Monday 20 November 10am – 12noon

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is coming and it brings with it the legal obligation for any 'public authority or body' (which according to the National Association of Local Councils includes all sizes of parish and town council) to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO).

Our concern however, is that this appointment may not be as straightforward as you may be assuming, as whilst it is possible to appoint an existing member of staff, they must, by requirement of the regulation, possess 'expert knowledge of data protection law and practices' and must ensure their 'duties do not result in a conflict of interests'.

In order to provide appropriate guidance, SALC have engaged with GDPR specialists [The DPO Centre](#). Together, we have formulated a series of seminars that will be held initially at the SALC office and that are focused entirely on the specific needs of councils.

These seminars will provide you with:

- Background on the regulation, tailored to the needs of councils
- Clarity on the obligations you must now fulfil
- How to perform your initial 'impact assessment'
- Challenges and complexities of filling the DPO role
- The most appropriate and cost effective ways to comply

Regards

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