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MEETING:	Full Council
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 22 nd April 2021
ITEM NO.	Item 20/21 – 141d
SUBJECT:	LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD – FOUNDATION
REPORT BY:	Clerk to the Council and Responsible Finance Officer

1. BACKGROUND



The Foundation Award of the Local Council Award Scheme is for councils who want to show they meet a set of minimum standards to deliver effectively for their communities.

To meet this award the council demonstrates that it has the required documentation and information in place for operating lawfully and according to standard practice.

The council also has policies for training for its councillors and officers and so has the foundations for improvement and development in place.

The Foundation award allows you to benchmark your performance as well as challenging you to consider your councils continuing development and improvement.

For further information about the Local Council Award Scheme, visit the [National Association of Local Council](#) (NALC) website.

2. CRITERIA

The Clerk of the Council is confident that the 26 criteria for foundation level can be demonstrated.

The criteria can be viewed in the following document: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/our-work/lcas/1855-lcas-guide/file>



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3. COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED

The following resolutions must be confirmed, resolved and minuted:

- 1. The Council confirms by resolution that it recognises its duties in relation to biodiversity and crime and disorder and that all documentation and information is in place for a specified award.**
- 2. The Council confirms by resolution that all documentation and information is in place for a specified award**

4. FUTURE AWARDS

The Quality Award demonstrates that a council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Quality councils go above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

To achieve the Quality Award a council demonstrates that it meets all requirements of the Foundation Award and has additional evidence of good governance, effective community engagement and council improvement. Due to the level of this achievement, a council with a Quality Award can also be eligible to use the general power of competence.



The Quality Gold Award demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of best practice and achieves excellence in governance, community leadership and council development. Quality Gold councils provide leadership for their communities, bring people together, have excellent business planning processes, ensuring value for money as well as constantly seeking new innovations and opportunities to improve. They highlight the very best we, as a sector, can achieve for our communities.

