



# Lancashire & Cheshire Association Newsletter

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## Smart Collections: Achieving More With Less

**Venue – Preston City Council,  
Town Hall, Preston PR1 2RL**

**Date – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Time 9.30am**

The Association are delighted to announce our latest training event for those involved in revenues and collections.

Local Authorities are still dealing with backlogs of arrears from Covid and are expected to recover vital public funds, very often with a reducing resource of personnel.

We have gathered together 5 experts in collections who will explore the new ways of thinking around this issue.

There will be a particular focus on how the use of technology can help introduce efficiencies, to allow local authorities achieve more, with less resource.

This is a great opportunity for senior managers and support staff to get an insight into the latest thinking on collections.

Lancashire & Cheshire IRRV seminars are always well attended and at **£100 per delegate**, including lunch, offer *value for money* and will be delivered by experienced Practitioners to the usual high standards of the Association.

Lancashire & Cheshire IRRV Association are offering:

IRRV members

**50% Discount.**

Student Members & IRRV Apprentices may attend

**Free of Charge.**

Other Apprentices (non-IRRV) are eligible for the

**50% Discount.**

### [Booking form and calling notice](#)

Your Association Events		
Event	Date	Venue
Closing Date for IRRV Performance Awards Submissions	7 June 2024	<a href="#">Link</a>
Smart Collections Achieving More with Less	13 June 2024	Preston Town Hall
Annual Conference	8–10 October 2024	Telford ICC
Annual Dinner Dance	15 March 2025	Mecure Haydock

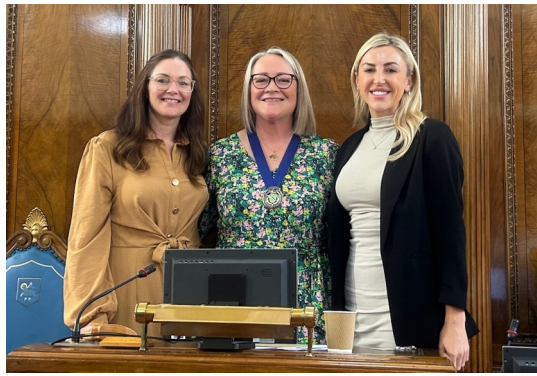
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## Annual General Meeting Friday 19th April 2024

The Lancashire and Cheshire Association held its AGM in Preston. Attended by National President Nick Rowe and Chief Executive Gary Watson. Following a review of another successful year from outgoing President Richard Kerr, Candice Lancaster was elected Association President for the coming year. Pictured with Candice are the Associations Vice President, Lisa Ashworth and Junior Vice President, Lauren Appleby.

This is a landmark moment for the Association as it is the first time all three senior posts have been held by women.

Tribute was also paid to Linda Price (see below)

### Linda Price

At the AGM in April, Linda Price stepped down from the Lancashire & Cheshire Association Executive committee after 38 years' service, 48 years and counting as a member of the IRRV. Linda was formally honoured with a retirement lunch in Liverpool earlier in April when members and friends past and present attended to mark this remarkable lady.

Linda has been a pioneer and role model forging a path for women in our profession. She has provided help and support to many of us on the executive and across the country.

She has been Association President on two occasions firstly in 1991 and again in 2010.

Linda has had a varied and successful career where her thoughts and opinions are highly valued. Starting at Liverpool City Council in 1974 she moved through the ranks before taking up the Head of Revenues and Benefits Role at Preston City Council in 1988. From Preston Linda moved into the Private sector IT market taking up roles with Psec, Bull and finally being Head of Product at Anite in 2000.

Returning back to Local Authorities Linda worked for Sefton for a further 8 years as Assistant Director of IT and then as Client Contract Manager; still not satisfied before taking retirement she spent 8 more years as a Product Manager for Destin Solutions.

This doesn't mean that Linda will be vanishing from the scene, she will still be involved in organising our hugely successful Annual Dinner Dance and retired colleagues lunches.

The executive would like to place on record our thanks to Linda for everything she has done for us over the past 40 years.



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