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New Website

The Association has a new website at <https://northumberlandalc.uk/>
The aim is for it to be a resource for the Parish, Town and Community Councils in our area. It is still in its early stages but I would welcome sample documents from Councils where they have stood the test of time. It's often not possible to have a model version suitable for all types of Local Council, and we therefore hope to be able to display a range of material to enable Councils to

see what may suit them best.

Flood Plains

There's an interesting report issued by the Co-Op Insurance and The University of Salford on their diminishing effectiveness. More information is available via https://hub.co-opinsurance.co.uk/flood-plains/?dm_i=1JV9,4ZJ22,BRAN3V,IZHK0,1

Planning Permissions and Self-Builds

This blog on the Planning Portal caught my eye and it may be a useful initial source of information if there are proposals in your community

- https://blog.planningportal.co.uk/2017/06/01/planning-permission-acquiring-land-self-build/?utm_source=PPQ+Newsletter&utm_campaign=8bbe37ad88-Newsletter_08062017_HTML&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_734e0b63a9-8bbe37ad88-7299385

Vexatious Requests and Freedom of Information

There's been a useful Tribunal decision on the concept of vexatious requests which is available

at http://www.bailii.org/uk/cases/UKFTT/GRC/2017/2017_0019.pdf

Local Councils considering using this provision should look at the ICO's advice available via <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/refusing-a-request/>

Enforcement - Planning and Building Control

The national NALC have revised their Legal Topic Note (LTN 63) which gives an overview of the enforcement procedures in respect of planning and building control matters. Copies are available to member Councils via the national NALC's website (log-in required) or from this office.

Election Results

The House of Commons Library have produced briefing papers.

The first looks at the May Local Government elections and is available via <http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7975>

The second is an initial look at the Parliamentary results, available via <http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7979>



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