



## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

### **NALC Enews 13 March 2018**

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#### **Featherstone Parish Council**

Featherstone are seeking a new clerk/RFO. The closing date for applications is 3 April 2018.

For more details, please contact Karen Little 01434 320159 or email [karenlittle61@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:karenlittle61@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **The National Minimum Wage**

Just to remind Councils that the minimum hourly rate increases for those 25 and over to £7.83 from 1 April 2018. Please ensure that the actual hours worked by your staff, including the clerk, do not bring you below this figure.

There are more details at

<https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

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## **Changes to Permitted Development Rights**

Changes to permitted development rights will mean up to 5 new homes can be created from existing agricultural buildings on a farm rather than the maximum of 3 currently permitted.

More details are at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/housing-minister-announces-homes-boost-for-rural-families>

## **Intimidation in Public Life**

The Govt. has published its response to the report by the Committee for Standards in Public Life.

The rule requiring publication of a candidate's home address on the ballot paper is to be removed, probably by the May 2019 elections.

The response is at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-response-to-the-committee-on-standards-in-public-life-review-of-intimidation-in-public-life>

## **Wind Turbines**

There's an interesting legal article on how a planning authority should interpret the views of the community at

[https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=34496%3Awind-turbines-and-local-backing&catid=63&Itemid=31](https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=34496%3Awind-turbines-and-local-backing&catid=63&Itemid=31)

## **NHS in Berwick**

The link is to information about the rescheduled events seeking views on provision in Berwick.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files>

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[/91aab810-eb64-4844-859c-525922bdfd90/NHS Berwick March 2018.pdf](#)

## Member Emails

The Chairmen and clerks of Member Councils have been sent emails as follows

- 27 Feb – Data Protection Briefing
- 27 Feb – Data Protection Toolkit (second email)
- 6 March – Changes to External Auditor’s Processes
- 8 March – Invitation to a course on the Natural Environment

Please let me know if your Council did not receive these.



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***If you have any comments or observations, please contact  
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