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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
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and Staff**

Community Business

The national NALC has launched *The Good Councillor's guide to community business*, in partnership with the Plunkett Foundation and Power to Change.

The guide for parish, town and community councillors sets out the principles of what a community business is and help local (parish and town) councils to consider whether this form of business could be appropriate in their community.

This publication contains 12 sections and aims to help councillors learn about the development stages of a community business, consider their role and that of the local council and also learn from examples of where collaboration has succeeded in other areas. Furthermore, seven case studies of local councils are included along with a resource list of useful websites, to facilitate further learning about this form of business.

It is available in the Members part of their website under

Potential Changes to the Planning Process

Outside the White Paper published in the summer, the MHCLG are consulting on technical changes.

The consultation seeks views on proposals for:

- a new permitted development right for a change of use to residential to create new homes
- measures to provide public service infrastructure more quickly through expanded permitted development rights and a new streamlined planning application process for hospitals, schools and prisons
- the approach to simplifying and consolidating existing permitted development rights following changes to the Use Classes Order

It is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/supporting-housing-delivery-and-public-service-infrastructure>

MHCLG have also updated there guidance on consultation for applications at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consultation-and-pre-decision-matters>

Northumberland Elections May 2021

Two successful briefings were held for clerks last week with the County Council's Elections Team. We intend to distribute the notes to the Chairmen and Clerks of all Member Councils later this week.

The Cabinet Office is clearly stating that the elections will proceed on 6 May 2021.

HMRC Employer Bulletin

The December 2020 edition is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/employer-bulletin-december-2020>

Travel to Scotland - Coronavirus

Following representations by a Member Council in North Northumberland, the County Council has included advice on travel to Scotland for business and other purposes, for example to visit GPs.

[and-advice-on-Coronavirus.aspx#Tier3](#)

Traffic Orders and Alerts

The link is to a pdf showing how to set up alerts on the One Network to receive alerts of the traffic orders and other issues affecting the highway network.

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/ccdf6171-3cde-4917-b416-555c0a0ecbc8/Setting_up_alerts_on_One_Network.pdf

The County Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2020 are now available on the Association's website.

iNorthumberland Bulletin

The latest bulletin is at

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/4e818a75-6478-43db-b74d-519782baea7e/iNorthumberland_Dec_2020.pdf

Various Legal Articles

1: Beware the limitations and conditions of 'Prior Approval' consents, writes Izindi Visagie.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/45637-prior-approval-consents>

2: The Divisional Court recently rejected a challenge to radical new permitted development. Gary A Grant summarises the judgment.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/45512-the-divisional-court-on-new-permitted-development-rights>

3: Ruth Stockley analyses the first Upper Tribunal decision on compensation provisions relating to assets of community value.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/property/313-property-features/45564-listing-acvs-and-compensation>

4: The Supreme Court has given an important ruling on the

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<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/property/313-property-features/45575-land-use-conflict>

The next issue

In past years, there have been a deluge of announcements from Govt. in the week leading up to the Christmas break. We suspect this year may be an exception and announcements will relate to Covid or Brexit.

If there is anything of pressing importance to our sector, then there may be a special issue otherwise the next Enews will be in early January 2021.

Christmas & New Year

I shall be on leave for the fortnight commencing Monday 21 December 2020 returning to work on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

On behalf of the Association, have a peaceful Christmas and, with luck, 2021 will be a more normal time for us all.

Stephen.



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