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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
18 February 2022**

**Please forward to all Councillors
and Staff**

Emails to Member Councils

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following email since the last issue of the Enews.

[16 February 2022](#) containing

- The Civility and Respect Project
- The Northumberland Local Plan
- Hauxley Parish Council - Vacancy for a clerk
- Advice Bulletins from the Parkinson Partnership
- Events being run by the national NALC
- Northumbria Healthcare
- Annual Leave

Climate Change

Given the recent storms, this report sent by Northern Powergrid to DEFRA may be of interest.

The report sets out how Northern Powergrid is taking action to adapt to climate change, by reporting on how it is addressing current and future climate impacts.

This report was invited by Defra under the adaptation reporting power under the Climate Change Act 2008.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/climate-adaption-reporting-third-round-northern-powergrid>

S137 limit for 2022/203

DLUHC have set the amount as £8.82 per elector for 2022/2023.

S137 is a general power for parish, town and community councils to spend their own funds on projects for which there may not be a specific power.

The maximum amount is calculated by multiplying the set figure by the number of local government electors within the parish, town or community.

Please contact the office for more information.

Storm Arwen

On 17 Feb the Dept. for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy published the Interim Review which is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/storm-arwen-electricity-distribution-disruption-review>

On page 13 is an acknowledgement that loss of power leads to a loss of communications and that the DDCMS is undertaking a post-incident review into the disruption to mobile networks and fixed-line services.

Past events run by the National NALC

NALC online events from July 2020 have been available for free to watch again. However, the recordings will only be available at the earliest a month after the event.

NALC encourages the local (parish and town) council sector and those interested in it to continue attending the online events to learn more about topical subjects and discuss the critical issues in real-time. Attending online events is one of the key reasons we can make the recordings freely available retrospectively.

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-events/online-events#past-events>

Reports and other articles of possible interest

[DLUHC Planning Newsletter](#)

The February issue is at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1054261/01_Chief_Planners_Newsletter_February_2022.pdf

[Policing Your Area](#)

The national NALC have updated Legal Topic Note (LTN) 13 on policing your area which considers the powers and duties of local councils in relation to crime in their area together with guidance on approaches and systems that can be used. New information has been added about the use of vehicular activated speed signs and automated number plate recognition. You can find the revised LTN in the member's area of the NALC website_(login required - available to Members Councils on request to this office).

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/>

[HMRC Employer Bulletin](#)

The February 2022 issue is at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/employer-bulletin-february-2022>

[Countryside Code for Land Managers](#)

New guidance for land managers launched to help the public enjoy the countryside responsibly

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/natural-england-launches-new-countryside-code-for-land-managers>

[Permitted Development Rights](#)

Philippa Jackson and Celina Colquhoun analyse the Court of Appeal's judgment on the challenge to the latest amendments to permitted rights.

<https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/49689-the-court-of-appeal-on-amendments-to-permitted-development-rights>

[Landscapes Review](#)

Simon Randle and Vivienne Sedgley look at government plans for National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in England.

<https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/governance/314-governance-a-risk-articles/49606-landscapes-review-proposed-changes>

[Knotweed](#)

The latest guidance from RICS provides a common sense approach to knotweed, writes Polly McBride.

<https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/property/313-property-features/49608-knotty-no-more>



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