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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

NALC Enews 19 August 2020 Please forward to all Councillors and Staff

Emails to Member Councils

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

18 August 2020 containing

- MHCLG Advice on holding meetings

If your Council has not received a copy, or if your Chairman or Clerk has changed, please let me know.

Briefings

We are devising a programme of digital meetings to take place during September-December 2020. Suggestions on areas to be included would be most welcome.

We hope to have a briefing in November/December for Northumberland clerks ahead of the elections in May 2021.

Whittington Parish Council are seeking a new clerk. For details please contact the current clerk, Mandy Senior, via email mandysenior1@gmail.com

England's Nature Recovery pilots

DEFRA have included Northumberland as one of the five pilot areas to test how the recovery of England's landscapes and wildlife can be driven locally.

More details are at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/five-local-authorities-announced-to-trailblaze-englands-nature-recovery-pilots>

Planning Issues

The Planning White Paper - we aim to prepare an initial briefing note on key points. This should be distributed to Member Councils by the end of the month. There is little doubt that more information and analysis will be available during September.

The links below are to a selection of legal articles

Michael Bedford QC and Asitha Ranatunga set out the key considerations when advising planning committees on the costs consequences of their decisions.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/44588-planning-committee-decisions-and-costs-consequences>

Urban and deprived areas to receive additional funding to plan their local neighbourhoods

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/401-planning-news/44578-urban-and-deprived-areas-to-receive-additional-funding-to-plan-their-local-neighbourhoods>

Katherine Barnes considers a recent High Court case which has important implications for plan-making and local plan examinations in general.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/44606-lessons-from-a-recent-local-plan-challenge>

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The national NALC has written to the LGA , and a copy is at

<https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67b added9b3a/files/0dd8f5d8-8601-488c-bcaa-1313333f60bb/Letter to Cllr James Jamieson 070820.pdf>

Although there may be the occasional hiccup in relationships with the City and County Councils, we do appear to be ahead of the game in having good and productive links with those two authorities, together with the North of Tyne Combined Authority.



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