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**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.

13 May 2021 containing

- The Queen's Speech - Planning Bill
- Coronavirus
- Vacancies on the County Committee
- Banking
- Face-to-Face Meetings
- Reports and other items of possible interest

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

Briefings

There are a number of briefing being held over the next few months. Please use the appropriate link for more information and booking.

General Introduction to Local Councils

Wed, 26 May 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-general-introduction-to-local-councils-tickets-136595616165>

Copy of General Introduction to Local Councils

Sat, 5 Jun 2021 09:30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-general-introduction-to-local-councils-tickets-136595915059>

Budgets, Precepts and Finance

Tue, 22 Jun 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/budgets-precepts-and-finance-tickets-136595204935>

Introduction to Planning

Wed, 30 Jun 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-planning-tickets-136596163803>

Being the Chairman of a Smaller Parish Council

Mon, 5 Jul 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/being-the-chairman-of-a-smaller-parish-council-tickets-136596372427>

Highways and Public Rights of Way

Mon, 19 Jul 2021 19:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/highways-and-public-rights-of-way-tickets-136596593087>

Vacancy for a clerk

Togston Parish Council are seeking a new clerk. For details please contact the Chairman, Cllr June Watson, via email. Closing date is 15 June 2021.

june@jwatson.biz

Coronavirus

The advice on play areas etc has been updated.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms>

For advice on other aspects see

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)

National Audit Office Report

The NAO have issued a report which covers the main actions taken by the UK government in England, as well as the funding provided to support responses in the devolved administrations of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It does not cover the individual responses in the devolved administrations, or the separate responses implemented by local authorities. The report covers the government's response up to 4 May 2020, and also includes any significant additional commitments (defined as those over £0.5 billion) the government announced between 4 and 15 May.

<https://www.nao.org.uk/report/summary-of-uk-governments-response-to-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

2022 will mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The National Association of Civic Officers have issued a newsletter giving details The Queen's Green Canopy.

"This is a unique, UK-wide, tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee." Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, towns, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to plant trees from October 2021 when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022."

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/ba9fa6d8-46ac-54ed-b5f9-0fe2f0206c93/NACO Newsletter 17 May 2021.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/ba9fa6d8-46ac-54ed-b5f9-0fe2f0206c93/NACO_Newsletter_17_May_2021.pdf)

The 2021 Census

The Office for National Statistics have informed us

"We aim to produce the census first release within the first year after Census Day and all other data within two years of Census Day.

We plan to consult on the timing of output products in Spring/Summer 2021 and then make an indicative release schedule available as part of our Census Outputs Prospectus in Autumn/Winter 2021. We'll look to align and join up release plans as much as possible across the UK."

More details are available via

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/censustransformationprogramme/census2021outputs>

Reservoir Safety

There are a number of reservoirs within our area which are not owned by the big water companies.

The Govt has recently published the Independent review of reservoir safety and legislation. This follows on from the Toddbrook reservoir incident review carried out in 2019.

The report is available via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reservoir-review-part-b-2020>.

People Powered Change

The Chair of the national NALC has published an open letter to all local councillors which is available at

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/1752-open-letter-people-powered-change>

Reports and other articles of possible interest

Office for National Statistics (the ONS)

The ONS produce a number of articles and the following are some recent ones which caught our eye

Mapping Inequality in the UK

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/dvc1370/index.html>

Population Estimation

<https://blog.ons.gov.uk/2021/05/17/meeting-the-challenges-in-population-estimation/>

Working from home

<https://blog.ons.gov.uk/2021/05/17/working-from-home-comparing-the-data/>

Hybrid Meetings

Our colleagues in Durham have drawn attention to this video on YouTube produced by the clerk to Peterlee Town Council with some ideas on holding hybrid meetings
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nI0Vk1SOt1w>

Planning Contravention Notices

Here's an article on the outcome of a recent prosecution for breaching a PCN
<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/47083-another-pcn-prosecution>



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