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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
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and Staff**

Briefings

With apologies for an incorrect link in a previous edition, there is a repeat of the Introduction to Local Councils on Thursday 23 September 2021 starting at 7.00 pm. To book a place on this digital briefing, please use

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/general-introduction-to-local-councils-tickets-170322291559>

[Finance and Budgeting for Local Councils](#)

Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 7.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finance-and-budgeting-for-local-councils-tickets-175274590017>

[Common Land and Village Greens](#)

Monday 8 November 2021 at 7.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/common-land-village-greens-tickets-175279023277>

[Chairing a Local Council](#)

Thursday 25 November 2021 at 7.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chairing-a-local-council-tickets-175314048037>

We hope to add further briefings on various planning topics in the near future.

The Association's AGM

Just a reminder that our AGM is at 10.15 am on Saturday 9 October 2021 at the East Bedlington Community Centre.

It's free but to assist with catering, please use this link to book a place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/northumberland-association-of-local-councils-agm-tickets-170268290039>

Staff Vacancies

[Corsenside Parish Council](#)

A vacancy has arisen for the part time position of clerk to Corsenside Parish Council (West Woodburn, East Woodburn & Ridsdale). Please contact the clerk for further information

[Hauxley Parish Council](#)

There is a vacancy for a clerk. Please see the information at this link https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/049f52ff-e830-7a16-5734-9562caa0a20e/Advert_Hauxley_1_.docx

[Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council](#)

There is a vacancy for an assistant clerk. For more information please use the following links

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/71565027-56af-fdfc-2bb5-b8cacf2ffa8c/NewbigginTC_Recruitment_pack.doc

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/b783ed8a-77c9-ddf6-b0b8-092de1782b46/Application_form_Newbiggin_TC_1.01.pdf

The MHCLG

As part of the Government reshuffle, the name of the MHCLG has been changed to The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

There's some more information at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ambitious-plans-to-drive-levelling-up-agenda>

Covid

The Govt.'s plan for the autumn and winter is at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1017779/COVID-19-response-autumn-and-winter-plan-2021.pdf

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

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-covid-19/updates>

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

Local Council Borrowing

Prior to the name-change, the officials at MHCLG dealing with borrowing approvals informed the national NALC of an on-going review into the application forms and process.

They also stated

"In recent months the Parish Borrowing team at MHCLG have noticed a significant rise in the number of incoming applications from Parish or Town Councils who are requesting to borrow an amount of £1million+. We do not currently have a hard limit on the maximum amount a Council wishes to borrow as our assessment takes into consideration affordability, impact on precept and plans for repayment. However, it is worth noting that any applications exceeding £500k (particularly those £1mil+) require an extra layer of senior review prior to granting borrowing approval, which can extend our processing times."

If any Member Council is considering seeking approval for a loan of that magnitude, please get in touch with us at the earliest opportunity.

Reports and other articles of possible interest

The Reversibility of works affecting heritage assets

The High Court recently dismissed a claim for judicial review of a decision to grant planning permission and listed building consent for a rear extension to a listed residential dwelling in Cambridge. Jack

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/48245-reversibility-of-works-affecting-heritage-assets>

First-post-the-post to be introduced for PCC and Mayoral Elections

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/first-past-the-post-to-be-introduced-for-all-local-mayoral-and-police-and-crime-commissioner-elections>

LEPs and public funding

A Government review of Local Enterprise Partnerships is expected to lead to significant changes in how public funding is delivered in England, write Jonathan Branton and Alexander Rose.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/projects-and-regeneration/317-projects-features/48182-leps-and-public-funding>



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