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# NALC Enews

## 22 March 2022

**Please forward to all Councillors and Staff**

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### **Emails to Member Councils**

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

25 February 2022 containing

- The Armed Forces Covenant - an invitation to a digital briefing on 6 April 2022 Please reserve a free place by using this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/the-armed-forces-covenant-tickets-277395095197>

15 March 2022 containing

- Pay Scales - with details of the scales for 2021/2022

15 March 2022 containing

- The war in Ukraine
- The national Smaller Councils Committee
- Mobile Phone Masts
- Preparing for the AGAR 2022

Reports and other items of possible interest are

- Charity Law
- Local Authority Publicity
- Historical Rail Estate

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

## **Briefings**

The following event is scheduled over the next few weeks. Please use the appropriate link for more information and booking.

Preparing for Audit - Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 7.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/preparing-for-audit-tickets-297943776857>

Details of further events should be published by early next week.

## **The Annual Governance & Accountability Return (The AGAR)**

PKF Littlejohn have informed SAAA that the documents will be loaded onto their website in the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March) with the e-mails will be sent out on a staggered basis over several days starting next Wednesday (23<sup>rd</sup>) or Thursday (24<sup>th</sup>)

This means that some authorities and county areas will receive the documents a few days before others.

## **Standards**

Late on Friday 18 March, DLUHC published their response to the report published in January 2019 by the Committee for Standards in Public Life. From an initial read, it does not appear that there are any proposed legislative changes in the near future.

Copies are available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-ethical-standards-government-response-to-the-committee-on-standards-in-public-life-report>

The CPSL report is at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-ethical-standards-report>

## **North of Tyne Mayor's Question Time**

This week's question time has been postponed as the Mayor has caught Covid.

Details are at

<https://www.northoftyne-ca.gov.uk/news/north-shields-to-host-north-of-tyne-mayors-question-time/>

## **The national Census 2021**

The publication of the first results has been pushed back to May 2022.

Details are at

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/news/statementsandletters/census2021resultsupdate>

## **Style Change**

One or two subscribers have reported their copies have gone into their spam folder. We have followed MailChimp's suggestion of personalizing the Enews to see if that makes a difference.

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## **Reports and other articles of possible interest**

### Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal

Their March 2022 newsletter is at

<https://www.borderlandsgrowth.com/BorderlandsNewsletterMarch2022final160322.pdf>

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### Inclusive Britain

Inclusive Britain is the government's response to the report by the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inclusive-britain-action-plan-government-response-to-the-commission-on-race-and-ethnic-disparities>

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## Nutrient Pollution

DLUHC have sent guidance to Chief Planners

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1061718/Chief Planner Newsletter -  
\\_Nutrients - March 2022.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1061718/Chief_Planner_Newsletter_-_Nutrients_-_March_2022.pdf)



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