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# NALC Enews

## 25 April 2017

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### **Householder Permitted Development Rights**

The DCLG have updated their technical guidance which is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/permitted-development-rights-for-householders-technical-guidance>

### **Flooding**

The House of Commons Environment, Food & Rural Affairs Select Committee have issued a report regarding the existing legislation.

The report and summary is available via <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/news-parliament-2015/flood-water-management-report-published-16-17>

## **Anti-Littering Strategy**

DEFRA published a strategy, details of which are available via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-publishes-new-anti-littering-strategy>

## **General Election 2017**

For those who may have missed the earlier Enews, the timetable is at

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/2ec73b21-94b1-4df1-9e37-453e7eaae51d/UKPGE Election timetable 8 June 2017.doc](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/2ec73b21-94b1-4df1-9e37-453e7eaae51d/UKPGE_Election_timetable_8_June_2017.doc)

## **Northumberland Elections**

All clerks should have received an email from the County Council with a copy of the candidates briefing. Please contact the Elections Team direct if you have not had a copy.

Two key dates (other than the elections themselves):

- The counts for contested Local Council elections will be on Saturday 6 May 2017 in Hexham

- All Local Council candidates must return their expenses declarations no later than 1 June, even if their election was uncontested and/or no expenses were incurred.

## **Future Of Localism**

The bulletin from the national NALC CX contains the following

On Wednesday I attended the first meeting of the new Commission on the Future of Localism, chaired by Lord Kerslake and convened by Locality, which aims to review how the Localism Act and community rights agenda have gone and map out the next steps for localism. In his opening remarks Lord Kerslake felt this was a particularly good time to do this work to shape the new governments agenda and ensure localism had a place at a very crowded table. We will be feeding in the sector's views and engaging with the Commissioners but I think it is also vital that as many councils and county associations as possible contribute your own experiences to ensure parishes get full consideration in the Commission's deliberations.

There is more information at <https://locality.org.uk/our-work/policy/localism-commission/>

## **Star Councils**

The national NALC have launched the process for the 2017 Awards. Member Councils have been sent information and there's more on the national website at <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/star-councils-awards>

## **Northumberland Day - 28 May 2017**

I suspect all Local Councils in Northumberland will have already received an email but there's more information at <http://www.northumberlandday.net>

## **Press Comment**

There was an interesting and supportive article on the work of Parish Councils in an era of reducing Principal Council budgets in the Guardian which is available at

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/apr/13/parish-councils-unlikely-urban-safety-net>

## **Volumes of Legislation**

Purely for interest, readers may be interested in the increasing volume of legislation. The House of Commons Library has produced a paper giving some statistical data. They look at not only the number of different pieces but also

the number of pages.

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7438>



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