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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
28 January 2022**

**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.

[26 January 2022](#) containing

- Survey on the relationship with the County Council
- Pay Award
- Digital Meetings
- The County Council's Lists of Parish, Town and Community Councillors
- Advance Northumberland
- Planning Enforcement in Northumberland
- Northumberland Libraries

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

Briefings

The following events are scheduled over the next few weeks. Please use the appropriate link for more information and booking. All are digital and start at 7.00 pm.

[Planning - Conservation Areas](#)

Wed, 2 Feb 2022

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/planning-conservation-areas-tickets-185690093067>

[Planning – Highway and Rights of Way Issues](#)

Tue, 8 Feb 2022

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/planning-highway-and-rights-of-way-issues-tickets-185681758137>

Standards Briefing - Thursday 10 February 2022 at 7.00 pm

Complaints against individual Parish, Town and Community Councillors often involve allegations that the Code of Conduct has been breached. As you may recall the national Local Govt. Association has produced a Model Code of Conduct for all levels of Local Govt. in England.

We have arranged for one of the national experts, Bethan Evans, to run a digital workshop for the Association. Councillors and Clerks are urged to attend.

Booking is via

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/standards-for-parish-town-community-councils-tickets-216137712717>

Northumberland Joint Local Access Forum

This forum brings together people interested in access issues in Northumberland and is administered by the National Park Authority.

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/2ac ef9fd-eb26-cc63-8888-69a44f6faf96/Nland_JLAF_2022_Member_Recruitment_v3_27.01.22.pdf

CiLCA and other qualifications

The Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) offer courses leading to a range of qualifications. The Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) must be held by a clerk if a Parish, Town or Community Council is to use the General Power of Competence (in addition to some other criteria).

If Colleagues are interested in their range of courses, SLCC are running a series of free webinars "Understanding Qualifications" on the following dates

- Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 2pm
- Thursday 12 May 2022 at 2pm
- Thursday 16 June 2022 at 2pm
- Wednesday 07 September 2022 at 2pm
- Thursday 13 October 2022 at 2pm
- Thursday 24 November 2022 at 2pm

Places can be booked on the SLCC website at

<https://www.slcc.co.uk/events/webinar/>

There's also more information on the qualifications at

<https://www.slcc.co.uk/qualifications/>

Reports and other articles of possible interest

[The Ombudsman and Neighbourhood Plans](#)

The link is to an interesting explanation as to why the Ombudsman will not investigate the way a parish council made a Neighbourhood Plan..

<https://www.lgo.org.uk/decisions/planning/planning-advice/21-012-027>

[Northumbria Healthcare Update 27 January 2022](#)

[page=/1115/141035/&rec=5091741&pref=42b2ea4671c402656ee62b978acc4833](https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/1974-nalc-publishes-new-report-on-the-2021-local-elections)

[The May 2021 Parish, Town and Community Council Elections](#)

The national NALC have pulled together details from across the country in their report available via

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/1974-nalc-publishes-new-report-on-the-2021-local-elections>

[Measuring the changing prices and costs faced by households](#)

The ONS blog has an interesting piece on the challenges faced in measuring the cost of living and what changes are being made.

<https://blog.ons.gov.uk/2022/01/26/measuring-the-changing-prices-and-costs-faced-by-households/>

[Cyber-Security](#)

The Govt.'s recently published strategy is at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-cyber-security-strategy-2022-to-2030>



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