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Local Council Elections in Northumberland

Just a reminder that the deadline for nominations to be handed in to the Returning Officer is 4.00 pm Tuesday 4 April 2017.

Nomination forms **cannot** be posted or emailed to the Returning Officer.

If there are insufficient nominations for a Local Council, I anticipate the election process will be re-run in the Summer but at an extra cost to the Local Council involved.

There's more detail and links to the forms at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Councillors/Vote.aspx#parishandtowncouncilelectionsthursday4may2017>

External Audit for FY 2016/2017

All clerks should have received their Annual Returns from BDO LLP over the last few days. Can I take the opportunity to confirm that ALL Local Councils have to complete and send their return to BDO this summer. The changes take place in Spring/Summer 2018.

If your pack has not arrived, please contact Louise Caplen at BDO, Tel: 023 8088 1911 or email: councilaudits@bdo.co.uk

National Minimum Wage

The National Minimum Wage rates rise on 1 April 2017 - the old and new hourly rates are shown below

Year	25 and over	21 to 24	18 to 20	Under 18	Apprentice
October 2016 (current rate)	£7.20	£6.95	£5.55	£4.00	£3.40
April 2017	£7.50	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50

Neighbourhood Planning Training in Durham

There is free training at Durham County Hall on Tuesday 18 April 2017 (11.00 am to 3.00 pm). Details and booking via this link please <http://mycommunity.org.uk/newsevents/events/neighbourhood-planning-networking-event-durham-north-east/>

Coastal Path

Natural England has issued a consultation on the proposals for Amble running south to South Betts (just north of the Sunderland boundary).

The consultation closes at 5.00 pm on Friday 19 May 2017. Details are at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-from-south-bents-to-amble-comment-on-proposals>

Northumberland Standards Committee

As a result of Councillors standing down, there will be a number of vacancies on the Northumberland County Council Standards Committee for elected Parish, Town or Community Councillors. Although they are non-voting seats, holders will play a full part in policy development and adjudications on individual complaints concerning Local Councillors. For more details please contact Liam Henry at the County Council via liam.henry@northumberland.gov.uk

New National NALC Legal Topic Notes

The national NALC have published five updated Legal Topic Notes (LTNs) in the members area of the website:

- LTN 4 The powers of a community meeting in community without a separate community council has been updated to reflect the changes to the establishment and dissolution of community councils following the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011;
- LTN 11 Celebrations and similar events has been updated to include references to LTN 88 on event licensing and section 138B of the 1972 Act in respect of events and celebrations with a religious flavour;
- LTN 13 Policing your area has been updated to include the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 and other developments in respect of the use of CCTV;

- LTN 18 Local Councils' Powers to Provide Parking Spaces has been recast to provide a more logical structure and, in particular, to clarify the differences between England and Wales;
- LTN 20 Markets and Other Events has been amended to remove some internet links that are no longer valid.

Copies are available for Member Councils from this office as well.

Northumberland School Appeals Panels

Volunteers are being sought for these Appeal Panels. Details are available via

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/News/2017/Mar/Volunteers-needed-for-school-appeals-panels.aspx>



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