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**Please forward to all Councillors
and Staff**

Briefings

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

Preparing for Audit

Tue, 12 April 2022 19:00

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

General Introduction to Parish, Town and Community Councils

Tue 7 June 2022 1900

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/general-introduction-to-parish-town-and-community-councils-tickets-305416116827>

Finance for Parish Town and Community Councils

Wed 15 June 2022 1900

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finance-for-parish-town-and-community-councils-tickets-305418794837>

Public Rights of Way

Mon 11 July 2022 1900

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-rights-of-way-tickets-305421753687>

Audit of the 2021/2022 Accounts

All Councils should have received an email from PKF Littlejohn with instructions and links for the audit of the accounts.

If your Council has not received the email please contact PKF Littlejohn as soon as possible using sba@pkf-l.com

The forms and guidance are available via

<https://www.pkf-l.com/services/limited-assurance-regime/submission-requirements>

Legal Topic Notes

The national NALC's Legal Dept. have updated the procurement thresholds in Legal Topic Note (LTN) 87 (Procurement).

The UK government has issued these thresholds for the first time since Brexit and we have also removed EU references that are now not relevant to the content. While the LTN gives a basic overview, procurement is a niche area for which councils may need to take specialist advice when dealing with procurement matters.

They have also published a new LTN 89 (Sustainable energy and electric

vehicle (EV) charging), an area causing much interest to local councils. The LTN gives a broad overview and sets out the position for local councils and their powers in respect of generating or selling electricity, providing EV charging points on council premises including car parks and selling electricity back to the National Grid.

Both LTNs can be found in the member's area of the NALC website. The login is available to Member Councils on request to this office.

The Spring Statement

The Chancellor made his spring statement on 23 March. HMRC sent an email to all employers later that day. A copy is at this link

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/d371dbff-3eea-6148-f1a7-0a009f60cd96/HMRC_23_March.pdf

First Aid Training

The British Red Cross offer a number of first aid training workshops. Details are via

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/first-aid/learn-first-aid>

Reports and other articles of possible interest

[Biodiversity Net Gain](#)

Ian Graves and Trevor Ivory consider off-site fulfilment of obligations.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning->

[features/50013-biodiversity-net-gain-and-off-site-provision](#)

[Approved Plans](#)

What does it mean to be “in accordance with” an approved plan? Daniel Kolinsky QC and Ben Fullbrook examine a recent High Court ruling.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/50016-in-accordance-with-parameter-plans>



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