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Precept Dispersations

Councillors and Clerks may recall the debate about the need (or not) for dispensations to enable Councillors to participate in precept setting.

I understand that Principal Councils no longer see a need for dispensations in these circumstances.

In the absence of any special reason to consider a dispensation, I

suggest that Local Councils adopt the same practice.

The Alnwick & Denwick Neighbourhood Plan

This was endorsed by the recent referendum and now only requires formal adoption by the local planning authority. Councils may be interested in its style and content, particularly if they are in the early stages of a Plan.

<http://www.alnwick-and-denwick-plan.org.uk/>

NPPF and the scope of the "presumption in favour of sustainable development"

On 30 June 2017, the Court of Appeal gave its judgment regarding the meaning of this phrase. The full judgement is at the link below. I anticipate there will be summaries over the next few weeks.

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2017/893.html>

Transparency

Councils with a turnover below £25k are entitled to seek a grant to assist with compliance. The grant will only be available for this year. I shall be emailing details to Councils within the next week.

Councils whose turnover has been above and below the £25k threshold may still be eligible. Please contact the office for more details or look on the open part of the national NALC's website at <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/the-transparency-fund>

Training

Just a reminder that there are still places on two events over the next few weeks.

The events are suitable for both Councillors and Clerk, both newly appointed and those seeking updates on the changes there have been in recent years.

I would welcome ideas for topics and venues for the autumn and beyond please.

Finance - Belford - Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 7.00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=32623513808>

Introduction to Local Councils - Pegswood - Saturday 15 July 2017 at 10.00 am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=31966879798>



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