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# NALC Enews

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### **Congratulations**

It's a pleasure to start this week's Enews with two sets of congratulations

To Cllr Gregah Roughead (Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council) who was the national runner-up for the Young Councillor of the Year announced at the national NALC's Conference.

To Hexham Town Council who have been awarded Foundation Status in the national Local Council Award Scheme.

### **Vacancy for a Clerk**

Wylam Parish Council are looking for a new clerk. Details are at

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/03976b01-04c2-4624-a5ca-faaacf228e5d/2018\\_Wylam\\_Clerk\\_Advert.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/03976b01-04c2-4624-a5ca-faaacf228e5d/2018_Wylam_Clerk_Advert.pdf)

### **Council Tax Base in Northumberland**

All Local Councils in Northumberland should have received letters from the County Council regarding the Council Tax Base for 2019/2020. Please let me know if your Council has not received a copy.

## Minimum Wages

The Govt has announced its support for the Low Pay Commission's recommendations for the rates for the national living and minimum wages from 1 April 2019. Parliamentary approval is required.

The Low Pay Commission has recommended that:

- The National Living Wage (for workers aged 25 and over) should increase from £7.83 to £8.21;
- The rate for 21 to 24-year-olds should increase from £7.38 to £7.70;
- The rate for 18 to 20-year-olds should increase from £5.90 to £6.15;
- The rate for 16 to 17-year-olds should increase from £4.20 to £4.35; and
- The apprentice rate (for apprentices aged under 19 or in the first year of their apprenticeship) should increase from £3.70 to £3.90 .
- The Low Pay Commission has also recommended that the accommodation offset increases from the current rate of £7.00 to £7.55 from 1 April 2019.

## Planning

There are a number of planning matters which may be of interest

### 1: Consultation by Developers for Shale Gas Extraction

The MHCLG have published a consultation on whether applicants should be required to conduct pre-application consultation with the local community prior to submitting a planning application for shale gas development. The consultation will also seek views on the process of community consultation that should be required, and what stages of shale gas development should be covered by the consultation.

Although I understand the geology in this area means that fracking is unlikely, Councils may wish to consider taking the opportunity to seek an extension of the principle to other types of planning. The consultation is at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/compulsory-community-pre-application-consultation-for-shale-gas-development>

### 2: Further Changes to the revised NPPF

The RTPI have explained the latest set of changes at

[https://www.planningportal.co.uk/news/article/596/planning\\_news\\_-\\_1\\_november\\_2018?utm\\_source=PPQ+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=564a694726-Newsletter\\_01112018\\_HTML&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_734e0b63a9-564a694726-7911911#one](https://www.planningportal.co.uk/news/article/596/planning_news_-_1_november_2018?utm_source=PPQ+Newsletter&utm_campaign=564a694726-Newsletter_01112018_HTML&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_734e0b63a9-564a694726-7911911#one)

### 3: Control of Advertisements

The link is to a legal article on how planning authorities can control adverts.

[http://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=37185%3Acontrolling-outdoor-advertising&catid=63&Itemid=31](http://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=37185%3Acontrolling-outdoor-advertising&catid=63&Itemid=31)

## North of Tyne Devolution

The 44 page Order has now been made and is available at

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/1133/contents/made>



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