



Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
7 April 2021**

**Please forward to all Councillors
and Staff**

Emails to Member Councils

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following emails since the last issue of the Enews.

[23 March 2021 containing](#)

- Digital Meetings
- The AGARs
- Pre-Election Purdah
- Vacancies for clerks
- Reports and other items of possible interest

[26 March 2021 containing](#)

- Local Council Borrowing
- Elections

[31 March 2021 containing](#)

- Northumberland Elections
- Remote Meetings
- Census 2021

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

Northumberland Parish Town & Community Council Elections 2021

Just a reminder that the nomination period closes at 4.00 pm Thursday 8 April 2021.

Details of the process are

at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/elections.aspx>

We anticipate details of the contested and uncontested seats being available on the County Council's website late on Friday 9 April.

Vacancy for a clerk

Embleton Parish Council are seeking a new clerk. Details are at

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/d3836eec-abb4-4eca-9557-3348e89162ba/Clerk_Advertisement_March_2021.docx.pdf

The JPAG Guidance

The latest practitioners' guide for governance and accountability for smaller authorities in England has been published and is available via

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/j-p-a-g>

Preparation of the Annual Report for 2020/2021 is about to start. We'd welcome a sentence on any Covid related work your Council has done for possible inclusion please.

Reports and other articles of possible interest

The April 2021 "Dear Chief Planner" letter is available at https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/021c5641-263e-4945-b3ef-d3f5cae0d838/Chief_Planners_Newsletter_April_2021.pdf

The Govt's response to the consultation on local housing need is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system/outcome/government-response-to-the-local-housing-need-proposals-in-changes-to-the-current-planning-system>

The national NALC's legal dept. have revised their legal topic note on FOI. It is available on the members part of their website <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/>

The High Court has quashed a planning inspector's decision allowing the conversion of an industrial warehouse to flats. Charles Streeten explains why

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/46652-complying-with-a-deemed-grant-of-planning-permission-under-the-gpdo>.

SAAA have published their report on the external auditors work for 2019/2020

http://www.localaudits.co.uk/comms/Report_on_results_of_auditors_work_2019-20.pdf



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