



Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
9 September 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.

[30 July 2021](#) containing

- The Association's AGM
- The national NALC's Star Council Awards

[26 August 2021](#) containing

- National Surveys on the May 2021 Elections
- Rail Services on the East Coast Mainline
- The national NALC's Legal Update August 2021
- Reports and other items of possible interest

2 September 2021 containing

- **The Member Councillor Census - Please encourage your Councillors to complete this.**

8 September 2021 containing

- Operation London Bridge

9 September 2021 containing

- The papers for the AGM

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

Briefings

The first briefing of the Autumn season will be on Thursday 23 September 2021 starting at 7.00 pm.

The session will be a repeat of The General Introduction to Local Councils

It will be held via Zoom and booking is via this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/general-introduction-to-local-councils-tickets-170322291559>

More briefings are planned and we hope to have a strong emphasis on Planning in the programme.

The Borderlands Growth Initiative

If any Member Council would like a copy of the papers, please email us at

info@northumberlandalc.uk

The County Council's 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 Helen Lancaster or Neil Masson by 30 September 2021 via

Helen.Lancaster@northumberland.gov.uk or

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Play Areas

Two Member Councils have recently suffered apparent attempts to steal metal fittings from their play areas. If this is more widespread, please let us know. It seems these may be more than mindless vandalism.

High Streets

The Govt. have launched a consultation on proposed planning reforms to support hospitality businesses, markets and historic visitor attractions so that outdoor space can be used more easily.

Details are via

Borrowing by Local Councils

If your Council is considering borrowing funds, then prior approval is required from MHCLG. The forms have recently changed and you are strongly advised to contact us as early as possible. Experience shows that the approval process is complex. Applications can only be submitted via a County Association.

If MHCLG approval is given then a Council is able to seek a loan. The Public Works Loan Board is a traditional source of loans but we have recently seen an indication they will be looking at affordability more closely in the future. MHCLG approval does not mean that a PWLB loan will be forthcoming.

The PWLB website is at

<https://www.dmo.gov.uk/responsibilities/local-authority-lending/parish-councils-and-drainage-boards/>

Reports and other articles of possible interest

Local nature recovery strategies - the national NALC's paper is at

https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/2dd5d961-34db-f4b0-391a-760f7b7960d8/Local_Nature_Strategies.pdf

A report shows northerners were more likely to die from COVID-19, spent nearly a month and-a-half more in lockdowns, suffered worse mental health and were made poorer than the rest of England during the first year of the pandemic.

<https://www.thenhsa.co.uk/2021/09/north-inequalities-cost-uk-economy-7-3bn-over-first-year-of-the-pandemic/>

Fly-tipping - the illegal dumping of waste - House of Commons Library; (25 August):

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/sn05672/>

Turnout at elections - House of Commons Library; (27 August):

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-8060/>

Calculating housing need in the planning system (England) - House of Commons Library: (27 August):

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9268/>

Regulating e-scooters - House of Commons Library (1 September)

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-8958/>

Revolutionary resurfacing on the A1

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/revolutionary-resurfacing-on-the-a1-in-northumberland>



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