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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews
12 May 2020
Please forward to all Councillors
and Staff**

Coronavirus

Following the PM's address on Sunday, the publication yesterday afternoon of the Govt.'s recovery strategy and the Parliamentary announcement, a large number of documents have and are being placed on the Govt.'s website. All should be accessible via <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The national NALC issued the following update earlier today (Tuesday 12 May).

NALC has updated its dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. This includes new government advice that comes into effect on 13 May. See the updates below:

advice to inform any actions or decisions, given the prevalence of unreliable news sources. On 11 May, the government released "Our plan to rebuild: the UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy" — this gives more detail of the new government guidelines that come into effect from 13 May.

NALC advice to local (parish and town) councils remains unaltered at this time. In particular, it's worth highlighting that local councils should not be holding meetings in person and wherever possible staff should work from home. Where there are roles that cannot be performed from home it is important to follow government advice for employers.

NALC will be analysing the detail further of the new documents and raising issues with the government based on feedback from councils.

I anticipate more advice being available to Member Councils later in the week.

Briefings

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

[Introduction to Electronic Meetings](#)

These are further events for those wanting to experience an electronic meeting for perhaps the first time.

Thursday 14 May 2020 starting at 1000

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-electronic-meetings-and-a-general-update-tickets-104512850750>

Thursday 21 May 2020 starting at 1900

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-electronic-meetings-and-a-general-update-tickets-104513322160>

[General Introduction to Local Council Procedure](#)

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-general-introduction-to-local-council-procedure-tickets-103312993946>

Repeated on

Tuesday May starting at 1900

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The national NALC website

The national NALC have a wealth of CV-19 related information on their website

<http://www.nalc.gov.uk>

It is on the open part of their website so no password is required to gain access.

It is updated with information as the details change. Please visit it.

Ashington Town Council

Our congratulations to Ashington Town Council who have planted 75 trees to mark VE Day. They featured in the national NALC's CX Weekly Briefing and I understand were also on local radio..



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