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External Auditors

Councils should get an email by the end of this week from SAAA giving important information regarding the external audit process.

If your Council does not receive a copy please let me know.

The General Data Protection Regulations & The Data Protection Bill

Regulations are an EU measure on handling personal data which takes effect in May 2018. It is NOT affected by Brexit.

ended a workshop yesterday and will be preparing a note for Member Councils for dispatch next week. The Govt. is to use the Data Protection Bill to place the Regulations into UK law but this is still working its way through the House of Lords and will then have to be considered by the Commons.

points (but there was a wealth of material to assimilate and my work on the note may bring additional points to the fore)

Many of the Data Protection concepts in the GDPR and the Bill are unchanged since their first introduction in 1984

Almost all Local Councils will be Data Controllers and will therefore have to pay an annual fee - this looks to be £55 - see the update at the foot of this blog <https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/10/05/annual-fee-and-registration-changes-next-year/#more-2938>

All public authorities will have to appoint a Data Protection Officer. My note will have more detail on this as this is an area where there is a great deal of uncertainty on the practicalities

Privacy notices will have to provide more information than before - this applies to businesses and other organisations who hold personal data, not just Councils.

Opt-outs will no longer be permissible, specific opt-ins will be needed

The advent of the GDPR is a prompt for all Councils to consider why and what it keeps in its records. The GDPR applies to all records whether digital or on paper.

The note should be dispatched early next week but will have to be seen as a work-in-progress

Council Tax Bases for 2018/2019

Councils in Northumberland should have received an email from the County Council with details of their 2018/19 precept information.

It became clear that some Councils had not received the email and a repeat was sent yesterday.

If you have not received a copy please contact matthew.mason@northumberland.gov.uk

Unfinished Buildings

Is a building a listed building? The link is to a report on a recent Administrative Court case over whether the whole of a building or just part of it was listed. Although it was a business rates case, the principles may well be applied to planning cases.

https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=33241%3Abusiness-rates-and-heritage-assets&catid=58&Itemid=26



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