



Northumberland Association of Local Councils

Dear colleagues

County Committee

There will be a meeting of the County Committee on Saturday 8 June 2019 at 10.15 am at the Storey Park Community Centre, Morpeth NE61 2QF

Yours sincerely

Stephen Rickitt

NALC Chief Officer

29 May 2019

AGENDA

1: Welcome, introductions, congratulations and apologies for absence

2: Committee Membership and Appointments

To consider any candidates for formal co-option

Cllr Peter Dawson has ceased to be a Member of Rothbury Parish Council.

Cllr Steven Phelps (Dinnington) has been nominated to fill one of the Newcastle vacancies

The following are present as substitutes pending confirmation that no other Council within their constituency wishes to stand.

Cllr	Council	Substitute for	Constituency
Alan Bowlas	Berwick TC	Gregah Roughead	<u>Berwick & Islandshire</u>
Christine Cuthbert	Prudhoe TC	Gerry Price	<u>Prudhoe and East Tynedale</u>

<i>Bob Hull</i>	<i>Hexham TC</i>	<i>Tom Gilanders</i>	<u>Hexham and Hexhamshire</u>

3: Planning in Northumberland

Rob Murfin, the County Council's Director of Planning, will give a presentation on the relationship with Local Councils, including taking questions from the Committee. Members are asked that any questions relate to general issues rather than detailed ones regarding a particular Local Council.

4: Minutes of the 23 March 2019 meeting (further copy attached)

4.1 To consider and adopt

4.2 To consider any issues arising not elsewhere on the agenda

5: The draft Annual Report 2018/2019 and arrangements for the AGM

To consider and approve the draft Annual Report

6: NALC Finance

6.1 The financial summary (to follow). As at 0900 29 May, we have received 77% of the 2019/2020 subscriptions and other fees (in cash terms) - there is more detail in the Chief Officer's Report.

6.2 To consider what (if any) the recommended change in subscriptions should be for 2020/2021. At their AGM the national NALC agreed the following indicative rises for future years

- 2020/2021 - CPI or 3% whichever is the lower*
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Both are subject to caps for larger Councils.

It is recommended that this Association increases both the standard amount (currently £31.62) and the variable element based on the Band D equivalent (27.1p per £1.00) by the same percentages.

7: NALC Chief Officer Report

Please see the attached report

8: Newcastle Issues

- *There were no contested Local Council elections in May 2019.*

9: Northumberland Issues

- *The next meeting of the Town and Parish Liaison Working Group is on 19 June 2019*

10: County Committee's Member Issues

- *The Tyneside Clean Air Initiative – Cllr Francis*

11: National ALC issues

To receive a report from Cllr Francis

12: Declaration of Gifts and Hospitality

To consider the attached report

13: The Northumberland & Newcastle Local Councillor Census 2019

An analysis will follow once the survey closes on 31 May.

14: Any other urgent business

15: Date of next meeting – Saturday 7 September 2019

Further meetings of the County Committee are programmed for

- 28 September 2019 – AGM
- 16 November 2019

The Committee is asked to consider the following provisional programme for 2020 – all are Saturdays

- 18 January 2020
- 21 March 2020
- 6 June 2020

- 5 September 2020
- 26 September 2020 – AGM
- 14 November 2020