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Emails to Member Councils

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following emails.

- Further Information on the Audit for the 2018/2019 Accounts - 28 March 2019
- Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England - 2 April 2019

If your Council has not received copies, please let me know.

Training

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

[Preparing for Audit - Tuesday 9 April 2019 - Hepscoth](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/preparing-for-audit-central-northumberland-tickets-56887615389>

[Briefing / Introduction for new Councillors - Monday 3 June 2019 - Dinnington](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/briefingintroduction-for-new-councillors-dinnington-tickets-56888084793>

[Standards, including Councillors serving on other community bodies](#)

Three dates and locations

Thursday 13 June 2019 - Wooler

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/standards-including-councillors-serving-on-other-community-bodies-north-northumberland-tickets-56888084793>

Tuesday 25 June 2019 - Hepscoth

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/standards-including-councillors-serving-on-other-community-bodies-central-northumberland-tickets-56888084793>

Tuesday 9 July 2019 - Hexham

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/standards-including-cllrs-serving-on-other-community-bodies-west-northumberland-tickets-56888084793>

Other events were on the recent email sent to Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils and more are in the planning stage.

Vacancy for Staff - Alnwick Town Council

Alnwick Town Council has announced two staff vacancies. One is for a Chief Officer & Town Clerk and the other is for a part time The Chief Officer & Town Clerk vacancy has arisen due to the retirement of current Chief Officer & Town Clerk, Bill Batey who having been in post since 2010. The Town Handyperson is a new part time post.

Anyone interested in being considered for either vacancy is requested to download the relevant documents from the Town Council. Completed applications should be submitted to Bill Batey, Chief Officer and Town Clerk, Council Offices, Greenwell Lane, Alnwick alnwicktownclerk@btconnect.com not later than noon on Wednesday 24th April 2019.

Anyone wishing to find out more about either vacancy is asked to contact Bill Batey to arrange an informal discussion. He can be reached on the email above.

Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy

MHCLG have updated their guidance which amplifies the wording in the new NPPF. It is available via

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-obligations>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy>

Awards

A reminder that our own Newcastle & Northumberland Local Council of the Year Award is still open for entries until 30 April 2020 project, please send me an email with the details. Entering is as easy as that.

There's also the national Star Awards and their information is set out below. We would like to enter the winner(s) of our award.

The National NALC have recently launched the Star Council Awards 2019 (sponsored by BHIB insurance) and are calling for entries from councils, councillors and clerks and community champions in the local council sector (and the organisations they represent) to receive national recognition for the real and positive difference they make locally. (Councillor, clerk, council and county association project of the year. Full details and the link to apply can be found at <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/star-councils-awards>

The deadline for applications is 28 June 2019.

Council Tax Data

MHCLG have produced a summary of the English Council Tax Levels for 2019/2020 which is available at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/789613/Council_tax_levels_2019_2020.pdf

Page 9 has the data for our sector, with other similar precepting bodies.

The average Band D precept charged by a parish or charter trustee for 2019-20 will be £67.69, an increase of £3.65, or 5.7%.

Individual parish data for 2019-20 will be published in May at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/council-tax-statistics>



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