



## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

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### **Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities**

The Joint Panel on Guidance and Accountability Practitioners' Guide will be published at the end of the week. It will be available on the national NALC's website and I anticipate on the SLCC website too.

Next week I shall email a copy to Member Councils, with details of the changes since the previous edition.

### **Data Protection Officers**

The national NALC is continuing efforts to have a sensible and proportionate application to our sector. As and I when I get further information, I will inform Member Councils.

## **Highways in Northumberland**

Cllr Glen Sanderson, the Council Council's Cabinet Member whose portfolio includes highways, has asked that I send Northumberland's Local Councils the following message:

Before the two recent snow events the combination of a lot of rain and frost meant we had almost double the usual amount of potholes - but the latest weather has greatly increased that number.

We have allocated new money to help us tackle this but I would ask please that you are as patient as possible for the next few months whilst our front-line men and women concentrate their efforts on potholes.

This means that some responses for minor work may take a bit longer.

Thank you

Glen

## **Consultation Principles**

The Cabinet Office have issued revised guidelines for Central Govt. They're a useful basis if your Council is considering starting a consultation. The details are available via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>

## **Draft NPPF**

There's an interesting legal article summarising the proposed changes at

[https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=34568%3Athe-nppf-all-change&catid=63&Itemid=31](https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=34568%3Athe-nppf-all-change&catid=63&Itemid=31)

## Forgotten Memorials

Historic England has launched 'Immortalised' – a project asking the public to share its knowledge of local monuments, street shrines and community tributes in public places.

There are more details at

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/get-involved/help-write-history/help-find-englands-secret-unknown-forgotten-memorials/>

## Minerals in the Green Belt

The Court of Appeal has just issued today (20 March) its judgment in a case involving the application of national policy to a mineral extraction application in the Green Belt.

<http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2018/489.html>



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