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## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

### NALC Enews 20 March 2019

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#### Emails to Member Councils

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

- Elections and Purdah 2019 - 13 March 2019
- External Audit Arrangements - 19 March 2019

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

#### Training

On 7 March 2019, the Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils were sent details of the Training Programme for 2019. We hope to during the year.

Please let me know if your Council has not received a copy.

#### Purdah 2019

The Purdah period for all public authorities in our area starts on 26 March 2019 because of the election for a Mayor for the North of England.

More detail is in the email sent out on 13 March 2019.

#### Borderlands

The UK and Scottish Governments have announced the funding and the initial prospective projects. The links provides more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/total-investment-for-borderlands-reaches-up-to-447-million>

<http://www.borderlandsgrowth.com/Portals/0/Documents/newletters/Borderlands%20Newsletter%20March%202019.pdf>

#### Home Addresses on Election Forms

The Parliament has now changed the rules so that a candidate can request that their address is not disclosed.

Please see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/publication-of-councillors-and-candidates-home-addresses-letter-to-local-authorities>  
[utm\\_source=8c4af967-da1b-457d-b9fa-46e900bac0a8&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=i](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/publication-of-councillors-and-candidates-home-addresses-letter-to-local-authorities)

#### The Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

The Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (NRFCC) is seeking applications for three independent members. They are general members and one coastal specialist. Please see the document at the link for more details.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/f8f36b3a-bd2e-4d98-9af7->

## Planning Matters

The following may be of interest

### 1: Planning Update Newsletter - March 2019

This is from Chief Planner at MHCLG and is a useful roundup.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/786491/Planning\\_update\\_newsletter\\_march\\_2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/786491/Planning_update_newsletter_march_2019.pdf)

### 2: Stop Notices and Compensation

There is a legal article on this issue, which some see as being a deterrence to LPAs taking rigorous enforcement action

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/40011-breaches-of-planning-control-stop-notices-and-compensation/>

### 3: Judicial Challenges to Planning Decisions

The need for rapid action if there is a wish to take legal action to challenge a planning decision is illustrated by the following article

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/39976-time-tide-and-the-administrative-court-office-vice-council/>

## Registering Title to Land

There are real advantages for Local Councils registering their title to land at The Land Registry. The guide at this link gives more information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registering-local-authority-land-and-property-with-hm-land-registry>

Please note that the Ownership Parts of the Common Land and Village Green Registers are NOT part of the Land Registry and therefore have the same protections.

## High Streets

On 16 March, MHCLG announced additional funding for locally community schemes to clean high streets and town centres. Details

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/975-million-to-clean-our-high-streets>

## Pubs and Assets of Community Value

There's an interesting article on the success in defeating a challenge to the listing at

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/property/404-property-news/40037-district-council-defeats-challenge-to-listing-of-pub-community-value>

## VE & VJ Days

2020 will be the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII. I would be interested to know if Member Councils are contemplating marking



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