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Chairman's Email Addresses

If we send emails direct to Member Councils, we like to send copies to both the Clerk and the Chairman as this reduces the potential for transmission problems.

It would be very helpful if clerks would please let us know the email address of their Chairman following the Annual Meetings in May, even if there is no change.

Many thanks.

Member Emails

We have sent the following emails to Member Councils

- National Model Standing Orders - 17 April
- The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) - 18 April

- Data Protection, including a statement from the Information Commissioner - 24 April

In addition Member Councils in Newcastle were sent a second email on 18 April regarding certain issues on the AGAR.

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

Chief Planner Letters

The MHCLG regularly writes to chief planning officers of local planning authorities in England, providing guidance about various aspects of the planning system.

The April 2018 letter is available at

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/40506115-f093-4eb1-8abe-d40a097896f2/Chief_Planner_Newsletter_April_2018.pdf

The Landscape Institute and the Green Belt

The chartered body for the landscape profession has called for “fresh thinking” on green belt policy in a briefing that seeks to address the housing crisis, and

lead the debate on the UK Government's 25-year environment plan and England's revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The briefing notes that green belt policy pre-dates the 2012 version of the NPPF, which advocates the presumption in favour of sustainable development, and was not updated following its publication.

Therefore, the briefing states, "as a single-issue designation, green belt does not sit well with current evidence-based policy-making and decision-making".

The briefing is available via

<https://www.landscapeinstitute.org/news/li-new-vision-green-belt/>

Warm Hubs

Northumberland Councils may be interested in the information sheet available at

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/3b326bc4-510d-4d44-873e-0e3c1ebd6aa7/WHF_Final_Leaflet.pdf

Elections and Political Polling

Those with an interest in election matters may wish to read the recent report of the House of Lords Select Committee available via

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/political-polling-digital-media/>



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