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## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

**NALC Enews  
29 April 2020  
Please forward to all Councillors  
and Staff**

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### **Emails to Member Councils**

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following email since the last issue of the Enews.

- 29 April 2020 - The AGAR

If your Council has not received a copy, or if your Chairman or Clerk has changed, please let me know.

### **Briefings**

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

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Tuesday 5 May 2020 starting at 1900

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-introduction-to-electronic-meetings-and-a-general-update-tickets-103311910706>

[General Introduction to Local Council Procedure](#)

Thursday 21 May 2020 starting at 1000

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-general-introduction-to-local-council-procedure-tickets-103312993946>

Repeated on

Tuesday May starting at 1900

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## 2019/2020 Audit

All clerks should have received an email from PKF Littlejohn with instructions on how to complete the AGAR. A copy of the instructions is at

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/e48f1d93-3a2d-4b23-b8e8-96cc9009e1a1/2019\\_20\\_Instruction\\_email\\_wordings\\_PKF\\_Littlejohn.docx](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/e48f1d93-3a2d-4b23-b8e8-96cc9009e1a1/2019_20_Instruction_email_wordings_PKF_Littlejohn.docx)

Please see also the Member Bulletin circulated on 29 April, shortly before the dispatch of this Enews.

## Domestic Abuse

Northumberland Domestic Abuse have asked us to send out the attached information on their services during these challenging times, so your members are aware they can still be contacted for advice and support for those living with, or affected by abuse, and their children.

[https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/8107ad72-f39f-415a-9cb6-02438f4bf1b1/NDAS\\_Covid\\_19\\_Leaflet.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/8107ad72-f39f-415a-9cb6-02438f4bf1b1/NDAS_Covid_19_Leaflet.pdf)

The national NALC have a wealth of CV-19 related information on their website

<http://www.nalc.gov.uk>

It is on the open part of their site so no password is required to gain access.

It is updated with information as the details change. Please visit it.

## The Remote Council Meeting Hub

The national NALC is working with the LGA and others on guidance and best practice on holding electronic meetings.

The LGA website has a hub with a lot of information and ideas for effective virtual meetings at

<http://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/remote-council-meetings>

This too is an evolving aspect of local government. I understand the City Council has already held a few virtual meetings and the County Council will be doing so in May.

If you or some of your Councillors and/or staff are concerned about participating in such a meeting, please consider signing up to the briefing on 5 May.

The NALC County Committee has been holding weekly informal electronic meetings and on Friday 24 April it held its first formal electronic meeting. The minutes should be on our website by the end of next week.



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