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#### **Exempt Councils and the External Auditors**

Before I went on leave, I emailed a number of Councils regarding issues surrounding the new arrangements for the external audit, particularly for those Councils with a turnover below £25k who are able to claim exemption. The national NALC have been contacted by the SAAA, the body overseeing the arrangements for our sector, with the following message.

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) are now receiving management information returns from the audit suppliers – currently, their main concern is the number of authorities they have had no response from, this is higher than in previous years. As at the end of last week there were over 700 authorities who had not responded at all! All will now have received formal reminder letters at a charge of £40 each and will receive a further chaser if there is still no response. It is likely that most of these will qualify as exempt and therefore may have assumed that they do not need to do anything! Audit suppliers such as PKF Littlejohn have already been in touch with some county associations. Any council which is unsure who their external auditors are can find this information on the [SAAA website](#). SAAA will receive a further detailed return from the suppliers at the end of August.

If I can assist please do not hesitate to be in contact.

## **The County Council's Standards Committee**

There is a vacancy for a serving Parish, Town or Community Councillor on their Standards Committee.

For more information, please contact Liam Henry, the County Council's Monitoring Officer, at [liam.henry@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:liam.henry@northumberland.gov.uk)

The appointment is formally made by the full County Council and applications are to be made by the end of September 2018.

## **Amendments to the national Model Standing Orders**

The national NALC have issued some minor amendments to their model standing orders. These are available on the Members area of their website.

If you need a log-in, please let me know.

## **The Northumberland Coast AONB**

Their latest newsletter is

at <https://s6.newzapp.co.uk/t/gtp/OSwxMzM3MDM3NzUwLDM=/>

The link to join their distribution link is

<http://www.northumberlandcoastaonb.org/newsletter/>

## **The State of the UK Climate 2017**

Colleagues may find this Met Office report of interest.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/news/releases/2018/state-of-the-climate-2017>

## **The County Council's Senior Management Team**

Details of their senior officers are at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/About-the-Council/Senior-Management-Structure-July-2018-1.pdf>

## **The new NPPF and Housing Need**

Comment is now starting to emerge on the new NPPF. The link is to a legal article on the method of assessing housing need.

[http://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=36345%3Awhat-you-need-to-know-](http://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=36345%3Awhat-you-need-to-know-)

[about-the-new-nppf-and-housing-need&catid=63&Itemid=31](#)

I anticipate more articles will be published after the summer holiday season.



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