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# **NALC Enews**

## **3 January 2017**

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### **Happy New Year**

I'm hoping for a successful 2017.

### **Council Tax Referendums**

On 15 December 2016 Enews reported that DCLG are not introducing Council Tax Referendums for Local Councils in 2017/2018. The minister's announcement indicates that there may be further transparency measures but I have not seen any details as yet.

### **Transparency Portal**

Subject to some final details, I envisage formally inviting applications for pages by the end of next week.

### **Proposers and Seconders**

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number of clerks attended an election & purdah briefing on 16 December at County Hall. One point was now been clarified. An elector can propose one candidate and second another candidate for local council elections. They must however relate to a nomination for the ward in which the elector is registered. Different rules may apply to other elections.

## **elections**

The media contained reports regarding the possible need to show identification at polling stations. For those interested, the report is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-democracy-that-works-for-everyone-a-clear-and-secure-democracy>

## **standards Sanctions**

On 21 December 2016 judgment was given in a High Court case concerning Honiton Town Council. A Town Councillor complained about the sanctions imposed by the Town Council following a recommendation from East Devon District Council. The original sanctions imposed by the Town Council were accepted as being outside the ambit of the legislation. The Court did however hold that a requirement for training is one which can be recommended. It's not an easy judgment to read and I hope there will be a simple precis in due course. The judgment is available at the link below for those interested: <http://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2016/3307.html>

## **AT Reclaims**

I have noticed that HMRC have issued a revised electronic reclaim form available via the link below. I'd welcome any comments from Councils who have used this. I have been submitting a hard copy but this may be easier.

os://public-  
ne.hmrc.gov.uk/lc/content/xfaforms/profiles/forms.html?contentRoot=repository:///Applications/VAT\_iForms/1.0/VAT126&template=VAT1

## Neighbourhood Planning Bill

The Bill is due to have its Second Reading in the Lords on 17 January 2017. Past experience suggests that there will be changes of detail, some of which may be significant. I'll endeavour to keep a wary eye open though that is not always possible given how Parliament operates.



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