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Standards in English Local Government

The national Committee on Standards in Public Life are seeking views. The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent more information.

Marine Planning

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is inviting stakeholders to get involved in the next stage of the marine planning process for the North East, North West, South East and South West.

Workshops are running throughout February and March and will provide an ideal opportunity for stakeholders to check progress towards the development of marine plans in their area. The workshops will be supported by an opportunity to respond on-line.

There are workshops in Seahouses and Newcastle on 20 and 21 March.

More details and booking arrangement are at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/have-your-say-on-marine-planning-in-england>

Transport for the North

Consultation on the Strategic Transport Plan has commenced. Thoughts from Member Councils would be welcomed. Details are at <http://transportforthenorth.com/stp/>

Budgets

Both the City and County Councils have published their budget proposals for 2018/2019.

The City Council's is at <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/budget-annual-report-and-spending/budget/budget-2018-19>

The County Council's is at

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/About/Finance/Budget-updates.aspx?nccredirect=1>

Permitted Development Rights

The Local Government Association have called for changes to PD rights regarding changing offices to homes.

More detail is at <https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/one-10-new-homes-was-former-office>

Registering Land

The link below is aimed at principal councils and encouraging registration of land ownership. It is a useful reminder of the benefits of registering ownership of land. I urge Local Councils to consider registration as it is an effective way of guarding against loss of land because of "squatters' rights".

If any Member Council would like to discuss this, please get in touch with me.

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



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