



Northumberland Association of Local Councils

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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.

- Joints Committees - Precepts and Accounts - 3 December 2019

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

Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2020/2021

MHCLG have stated that the figure for 2020/2021 will be £8.32.

The increase has been calculated by reference to the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2018 and September 2019.

The County Council has sent this email to all Northumberland's Local Councils

"The County Council is again running its litter campaign and you may have seen images on buses around the county as well as at some petrol stations.

We have produced some posters of the images to promote key messages.

If you would be interested in receiving some to display in your local area please let us know - contact Carrol Hessey carrol.hessey@northumberland.gov.uk saying which image you prefer, and the size and number you would like.

We have three images available and we have posters in either A3 or A4 size and we have stickers in A5 size (best used on bins etc).

The posters are at the following links

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/images/601e59bb-3385-4950-90d6-6ec3b9d89401.jpg>

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/images/3176f8c2-fe4a-4c4d-b020-8262e74f0baf.jpg>

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/images/5a55e4da-c39d-49ca-a9f9-4f20f70b3957.jpg>

The Local Electricity Bill

Member Councils may have received an email asking for support for the Local Electricity Bill. The national NALC have informed me as follows and suggested that Local Councils wait until the picture becomes clearer before considering endorsement.

"NALC supports the principle behind the Local Electricity Bill but the bill fell and there is currently no draft bill because of the GE. Steve Shaw and Power for People have contacted many local councils across England. The view from here is that NALC's Policy Cttee. will consider this matter at its 14/1/20 session and will then arrive at a view – by which time we will have a new Government and we may know what is happening if anything with the bill. "

Planning Legal and Other Articles

The following may be of interest

[National Trust Guide \(From the Planning Portal\)](#)

The National Trust's Guide to Heritage in Neighbourhood Plans is intended to help communities to take a lead in planning for historic areas by enabling them to identify and safeguard local heritage in the places in which they live, work and spend their leisure time.

Karin Taylor, head of planning at the National Trust, said: "As the guardian of many special places, the National Trust understands the benefits that historic features can bring to places and people.

"By creating a neighbourhood plan, communities can create general planning policies for development of land in their area. Through this, they have an opportunity to create a vision for the future of their area, agreeing what is special and how local character can be preserved and enhanced.

"Our new guide describes how heritage can be incorporated into neighbourhood plans. This includes guidance on collecting your evidence base, engaging with wider stakeholders, the statutory process and planning for heritage."

Guide to Heritage in Neighbourhood Plans comprises guidance on: planning policy and designations; advice on providing an appropriate and effective evidence base that supports the heritage aspect in neighbourhood plan policies; and a range of tools for assessing design, character and sustainability.

It also briefly outlines the neighbourhood plan process, from designation of a neighbourhood area right through to the adoption of the plan."

The guide is at

<https://nt.global.ssl.fastly.net/documents/neighbourhood-planning-and-heritage-guidance.pdf>

Climate Emergency - have you thought about Planning? (From Local Government Lawyer

Kathryn Lawrance considers how local authorities can use their planning role to further the climate change agenda.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/42077-climate-emergency-2-have-you-thought-about-planning>

Permitted Development Rights and Human Rights

A gliding club's successful challenge to approval of a residential barn conversion under the GPDO may have potentially significant implications under the Human Rights Act, writes Jenny Wigley.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/42075-the-gpdo-and-convention-rights>

Colleagues may have seen the recent media articles marking the first female MP taking her seat in the House of Commons in December 1919.

On a more local level December 2019 marks the 125th anniversary of the first parish councils being established in Northumberland. Looking at some of the local newspapers now available on-line I came across a report in the Newcastle daily Chronicle for Tuesday 18 December 1894 headed "Yesterday's Results" which shows that amongst the first councillors for Allendale Parish Council were Mrs Allison and Miss Henderson.

The subscription site I was using does not cover all the papers published at that time but it is interesting to note how our sector was ahead of Parliament by 25 years (give or take a few days).

I think the first female County Councillor was Miss Helen Aitchison elected to fill a vacancy for Willington Quay in 1920. The County Council included most of Newcastle and North Tyneside in those days.

If anyone knows of other female parish councillors elected in 1894 or early 1895, then I would welcome details.



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