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## Northumberland Association of Local Councils

### **NALC Enews 7 January 2020**

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#### **Emails to Member Councils**

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

[Royal Garden Party](#) (May 2020) - 17 December 2019

[Member Update](#) - 18 December 2019 - containing the following items.

- CCTV
- Winter Services in Northumberland
- Public Sector Contracts
- Payscales for 2020/2021
- LED Streetlights in Northumberland
- Christmas and New Year

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

#### **The Queen's Speech**

The national NALC produced the following brief analysis

On 18 December, Her Majesty The Queen delivered the Queen's Speech in the Houses of Parliament, setting out the government's agenda for the coming session, outlining proposed policies and

- Find a long-term solution to social care that commands cross-party consensus
- Establish a Constitution, Democracy and Rights Commission to develop proposals to restore trust in how our democracy operates
- Build at least a million more homes over this Parliament, setting out further steps to achieve this, including an ambitious Planning White Paper and funding for critical infrastructure
- Giving local people the final say on council tax, giving them the power to veto excessive rises
- Potential measures to criminalise the act of trespassing when setting up an unauthorised encampment through a Police powers and protections bill
- Broadband legislation including a requirement that all new build homes have the infrastructure to support gigabit-capable connections
- Give communities more control over how investment is spent so that they can decide what is best for them, levelling up powers and investment in the regions across England and allowing each part of the country to decide its own destiny; publishing a White Paper setting out the strategy including further information on plans for full devolution across England, levelling up powers between Mayoral Combined Authorities, increasing the number of mayors and doing more devolution deals
- Conducting a fundamental review of business rates, recognising its role as a source of local authority income and consider input from the sector as part of the review
- An Environment Bill enshrining in law environmental principles and legally-binding targets, including for air quality, with the first Budget prioritising the environment
- Setting up a Constitution, Democracy and Rights Commission that will examine the broader aspects of the constitution in-depth and develop proposals to restore trust in our institutions and in how our democracy operates.

We will be writing to relevant ministers seeking meetings to discuss these and other matters in the New Year.

## A Letter to all Local Councillors

The Chairman of the national NALC has written to all Local Councillors and her letter is at

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/4aa1e051-fb8f-43d0-a0a9-45ab68fa1b5a/New\\_Year\\_Open\\_Letter\\_to\\_All\\_Councillors.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/4aa1e051-fb8f-43d0-a0a9-45ab68fa1b5a/New_Year_Open_Letter_to_All_Councillors.pdf)

## Coastal Concordat

The Govt. has issued a Coastal Concordat setting out how regulatory bodies can co-ordinate the separate processes for coastal development consents in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-coastal-concordat-for-england>

All Local Councils in Northumberland should have received a consultation from the County Council. A further copy is at [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/16f947ee-008e-4aa7-a58b-e5c21e20f448/Briefing\\_on\\_Library\\_Consultation\\_for\\_Town\\_and\\_Parish\\_Councillors\\_.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/16f947ee-008e-4aa7-a58b-e5c21e20f448/Briefing_on_Library_Consultation_for_Town_and_Parish_Councillors_.pdf)

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## Planning Legal Matters

### [Telephone kiosks, advertising and permitted development rights](#)

The Court of Appeal has handed down an important judgment dismissing an appeal over telephone kiosks and permitted development rights. *Saira Kabir Sheikh QC* explains why.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/42284-telephone-kiosks-advertising-and-permitted-development-rights>

### Episode 5 of the Kings Chambers Planning Podcast is now available!

In this episode, we take a look back at some of the key judgments of 2019, via a slight diversion into the Rosewell Review. Once again it is an excellent panel, chaired by **Philip Robson**, **Simon Ricketts** (Partner, Town Legal LLP), **David Morris** (Planning Director, Catesby Estates), **Giles Cannock QC** and **Constanze Bell**.

The panel discussed the leading case in three important areas:

- (1) Paragraph 11 - Presumption in favour of sustainable development
- (2) Changing permissions - s73 and s96A
- (3) Material considerations in planning decisions

It is available via

<https://www.kingschambers.com/latest-news/kings-chambers-podcast/>

An unsuccessful application by a Parish Council

[http://Parish\\_council\\_fails\\_in\\_Court\\_of\\_Appeal\\_claim\\_local\\_planning\\_authority\\_misdirected\\_itself\\_in\\_assessment\\_of\\_housing\\_land\\_supply](http://Parish_council_fails_in_Court_of_Appeal_claim_local_planning_authority_misdirected_itself_in_assessment_of_housing_land_supply)

Overlapping Planning Permissions

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/401-planning-news/42218-overlapping-planning-permissions-which-one-is-valid>

## The national Smaller Councils Committee

In his capacity as the clerk to Meldon Parish Council, Stephen Rickitt has been elected to the national NALC's Smaller Councils Committee. Many thanks for all those who voted in the election.

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