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## 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.

- VE Day 75 - 8 May 2019

If your Council has not received a copy, please let me know.

### HMRC scam emails and phone calls

A Member Council was recently contacted by an automated call to say that HMRC were taking legal action. On investigation this was clearly a scam.

If any Member Council receives such a call or email, please visit the following website to check the validity.

<https://www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing/report-hmrc-phishing-emails-texts-and-phone-call-scams>

### Social Mobility

The Social Mobility Commission's State of the Nation 2018 to 2019 report highlights inequality in Britain and sets out key findings use in providing supporting evidence for grant applications etc..

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/class-privilege-remains-entrenched-as-social-mobility-stagnates>

### Northumberland's Draft Housing Strategy

Clerks of Northumberland's Local Councils should have received an email with details of the draft Housing Strategy. More informat

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Housing/Policies.aspx#ourhousingstrategiesandpolicies>

### Weed Control in Northumberland

The County Council's programme will be underway and Local Councils should be receiving an email with details. The blue dye is to be applied.

### Scrutiny at the City & County Councils

MHCLG have issued revised guidance which is available via <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/embrace-the-benefits-of-public>

### High Streets and Town Centres in 2030

For those interested, the MHCLG have responded to the recent Select Committee's report. A copy is at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/800101/Gov\\_response\\_sel](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/800101/Gov_response_sel)

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