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Welcome to the first Enews for 2018 with our best wishes for the forthcoming twelve months.

The new external audit arrangements

As you may recall, BDO LLP did not win the contract to provide external audit services.

In Newcastle and Northumberland the external auditor for Local Councils is PKF Littlejohn LLP (PKF) who are presenting an introductory webinar on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 1100 for 90 minutes. The webinar will be recorded and be available for those who are unable to see the live session.

If you want to participate in the webinar please contact PKF direct by email to SBA@pkf-littlejohn.com

FoI Consultation

For those interested in this issue, there's a Cabinet Office consultation on a draft Code of Practice. I anticipate the Association will be responding but any other thoughts would be welcome. Details are

at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/revised-freedom-of-information-code-of-practice>

The national NALC Councillor Census

If Councillors would like to see the questions before completing the survey, they are at https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/73771715-c8d9-4b49-ace0-9ad3e9e3dbda/Census_Survey_template.pdf

The survey itself is at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QCH56S7>

The aim is for completion by individual Councillors rather than by

Parking in Alnwick, Berwick, Hexham and Morpeth

The County Council have placed the consultant's report on their website at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/Parking.aspx#parkingstudies>

I know clerks were sent emails last week but I am aware that a number of Councils found their copies had gone direct to spam/junk folders.

Overview and Scrutiny

The House of Commons CLG Select Committee published their report just before Christmas and is available

at <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmcomloc/369/369.pdf>



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