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Northumberland Association of Local Councils

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Email to Member Councils

The Chairmen and Clerks of Member Councils have been sent the following email since the previous Enews

Update for Member Councils - 29 August 2019 - this included information on

- The Independent Review into Local Govt. Audit
- An LGA guide for Councillors on how to handle harassment
- The ICO's blog on three issues for our sector
- The national NALC's Legal Dept's August update - and I am seeking clarification on the VAS signs
- The hierarchy of roads in Northumberland
- Streetworks charges in Northumberland
- SAFE week
- Notes of the County Council's Town & Parish Liaison Working Group

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

I anticipate sending further emails with specific information to Member Councils over the next few days.

The following events are scheduled over the next few weeks. Please use the appropriate link for more information and booking.

VAT

We are concerned that the VAT course on 26 September 2019 has a low number of bookings at present. This is an area where it is only too easy for a Local Council to incur penalties from HMRC. An example from outside are area is described in the Public Interest Report at this link

<http://www.localaudits.co.uk/reports/EssingtonParishCouncil-PIR29January2019.pdf>

Details of the VAT course are at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-vat-for-local-councils-tickets-61630468390>

Other Courses

Briefing/Introduction for new Councillors - Central Northumberland

Pegswood Community Hub | Longhirst Rd | Pegswood NE61 6XF | United Kingdom

Saturday, 5 October 2019 from 10:00 to 12:00 (BST)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/briefingintroduction-for-new-councillors-central-northumberland-tickets-50123078477>

Briefing/Introduction for new Councillors - West Northumberland

Tynedale Cricket Club | Priors Flat | Eilansgate | Hexham NE46 3EW | United Kingdom

Tuesday, 8 October 2019 from 19:00 to 21:00 (BST)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/briefingintroduction-for-new-councillors-west-northumberland-tickets-56897615299>

Briefing/Introduction for new Councillors - North Northumberland

Monday, 14 October 2019 from 19:00 to 21:00 (BST)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/briefingintroduction-for-new-councillors-north-northumberland-tickets-56897761737>

Flooding over the summer and the Reservoir Review

On 3 September 2019 DEFRA made a written Parliamentary Statement announcing a review into reservoirs following the incident at Whaley Bridge. There does not seem to be a copy on the DEFRA website as yet but it is available on the Parliamentary Site via

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statements/>

Planning Obligations

MHCLG have updated their guidance following changes to the rules. The statement is at the link which then enables the revised guidance to be accessed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/communities-to-see-how-housing-developers-cash-benefits-them-thanks-to-new-planning-rules>

Cornhill Parish Council

Cornhill Parish Council have asked me to circulate the following as the Council has been offered the old school site by NCC via Community Asset Transfer.

"We have therefore discussed this at some length with the Strategic Estates Dept. and produced Evaluation Criteria and Prospectus documents for distribution to any seriously interested parties.

We held a public meeting on 4th July which was attended by some 40 people, and considerable interest in the development of the site was shown by the local community. It is essential that the site be used for the benefit of the community and by a not-for-profit organisation.

I am enclosing a copy of the article which appeared in the local press to give you more information, and wondered whether it would be of any use to us if you could include a note of this in NALC newsletters? Possibly local councils may have contacts who might be interested."

The press release is at
https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/7b126259-aaa2-46be-97c2-040c63319fbf/Press_Release_Cornhill_School_site.docx

The closing date for registration of interest is given in the Schedule as Monday, 16th September. This is to allow time for interested parties to consider before the Information session on 30th September. For Schedule, please see page 6 of the Prospectus. If any organisation is interested and would like more information, please email Angela Hallem-Baker (the parish council clerk) at angela@hallam-baker.com

We Are Undefeatable

Sport England have launched a new campaign has been launched to support the 15 million people who live with one or more long-term health conditions in England.

[We Are Undefeatable](#) aims to help those with conditions such as diabetes, cancer, arthritis and Parkinson's to build physical activity into their lives.

The campaign is led by a collaboration of 15 leading health and social care charities and benefits from our expertise and insight, along with National Lottery funding.

One in four people in England live with a long-term health condition, and they're twice as likely to be inactive despite evidence that being active can help manage many conditions and help reduce the impact and severity of some symptoms.

More details are at <https://www.weareundefeatable.co.uk/>



If you have any comments or observations, please contact
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