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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 since the last issue of the Enews.

- Remembrance Ceremonies and The General Election 2019 - 5 November 2019

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

Briefings

The 2019 series of briefings has now been completed. We are starting to consider the programme for 2020 and would welcome any suggestions please.

Transport Planning

The national NALC have published The Good Councillor's Guide to Transport Planning.

This handy and easy-to-read resource, aimed at England's 100,000 local councillors, developed in partnership with the Transport Planning Society, and is the latest guide in a series as part of the National Improvement Strategy for local councils.

The guide includes practical advice and guidance, and covers:

- What is transport planning?
- Delivering integrated transport networks
- The role of local councillors
- Case studies
- Resources

A log-in is required and this is available to Councillors and Clerks from Member Councils on request from this office.

Reaching Out

NALC has launched a new joint guide with the Local Government Association (LGA) on tackling loneliness.

In October 2018, the government launched its first-ever strategy on loneliness, making it clear that responsibility for tackling loneliness cuts across more than one ministerial department.

The Reaching out guide responds to the national strategy and outlines various ways local (parish and town) councils and principal authorities can work together.

The guide has practical advice, guidance and case studies, and focusses four key themes:

- Making Connections – finding ways to reach and understand the needs of those experiencing loneliness
- Making a Difference – providing services that directly improve the number and quality of relationships that people have
- Linking Up – giving support such as transport and technology to help sustain connections
- The Right Environment – creating the right structures and conditions locally to support those affected by, or at risk of, loneliness.

The guide is available at

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/c4fac512-13fc-4d0e-bd19-7c4e93beb333/5.52_Supporting_principal_and_local_councils_to_tackle_loneliness_04_1_.pdf

The A1 - Scotswood to North Brunton

Highways England have recently updated the progress report at

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a1-scotswood-to-north-brunton/>

Design work is continuing and there are some restrictions whilst survey works are in progress.

Broadband in Northumberland

The BT contract to roll out superfast broadband in Northumberland is due to end in December 2019. However, if a property or business has not been included there is funding available via the Rural Gigabit Voucher scheme. Please see this link for further information

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural/>

A business can use vouchers of up to £3500 and a resident up to £1500 to support the cost of installing a gigabit capable connection to their property. If you would like further information regarding the scheme or have any questions about broadband in your community please contact Sylvia Pringle, Business and Community Engagement Officer from iNorthumberland (Northumberland County Council)

Email: sylvia.pringle@northumberland.gov.uk

The Electoral Commission have produced a detailed timetable which is available at [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/6ca7b237-e9a2-41ff-bd48-27c50b71a8e3/UKPGE Election timetable 12 December 4 1 .pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/6ca7b237-e9a2-41ff-bd48-27c50b71a8e3/UKPGE_Election_timetable_12_December_4_1_.pdf)

The frequency of the NALC Enews

We anticipate that these will be issued on a fortnightly basis as they are being supplemented by Bulletins to Member Councils.

The bulletins are sent to both the Chairmen and Clerks of our Member Local Councils. We always add in details of the subjects in the Enews.

If your Council does not receive a copy of the bulletins, please let us know as it may be that our records need amending.

Stress in the workplace

The HSE have recently updated their advice as the impact of work-related stress was highlighted in the latest annual statistics (2018/19), which revealed there were:

- 602,000 workers suffering from work-related stress, depression or anxiety (new or long-standing)
- 246,000 workers suffering from a new case of work-related stress, depression or anxiety
- 12.8 million working days lost due to work-related stress, depression or anxiety

HSE's Talking Toolkit offers practical help with talking about stress. It is designed to help line managers hold initial conversations with employees as part of an employer's journey towards preventing work-related stress.

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/stress/index.htm>



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