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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 emails

- External Audit for 2018/2019 - 11 July 2019
- Annual Report and AGM - 17 July 2019 (sent 18 July)

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

Training

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

Chairmanship - West Northumberland

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

Wednesday, 24 July 2019 from 19:00 to 21:00 (BST)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chairmanship-west-northumberland-tickets-56896295351>

Chairmanship-North Northumberland

The Glendale Gateway Trust | 12 Padgepool Pl | NE71 6BL Wooler | United Kingdom

Thursday, 25 July 2019 from 19:00 to 21:00 (BST)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chairmanship-north-northumberland-tickets-56896989427>

Introduction to VAT for Local Councils

Morpeth Rugby Football Club | Mitford Road | NE61 1RJ Morpeth | United Kingdom

Thursday, 26 September 2019 from 10:00 to 15:30 (BST)

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

Government Announcements

Parliament breaks for the Summer Recess at the end of the sitting on 25 July. As in previous years, there is a flurry of announcements at this time of year.

Guidance is at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fly-tipping-council-responsibilities?utm_source=b9e4cada-e355-42bd-a0f4-ba5fc69e9448&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily#fly-tipping-your-responsibilities and is updated to clarify the respective roles of the upper-tier Councils and the Environment Agency

Landscapes Review: National Parks and AONBs

The link is to an exchange of correspondence setting out the interim findings.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/817608/landscapes-review-interim-findings-july2019.pdf

The Williams Rail Review

The link is to a speech giving details of progress so far.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/williams-rail-review-an-update-on-progress>

Historic Counties of England

MHCLG have updated their guidance, which may be of interest to Member Councils, particularly those whose local government areas have changed in the past decades.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/celebrating-the-historic-counties-of-england>

Allowing Joint Committees to hold meetings by video conferencing

This relates to a consultation held in late 2016. MHCLG indicate an acceptance of the concept but only for joint committees and combined authorities.

Legislation is required and it seems that Councillors will not be able to participate from their homes or other private buildings, including those of not-for-profit organisations.

There's a long way to go and I expect the eventual shape of the legislation may well differ from this response, let alone when it can be expected.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/allowing-joint-committees-and-combined-authorities-to-hold-meetings-by-video-conference>

Pooling S106 Contributions

Councils may recall that local planning authorities were unable to pool contributions from more than five planning obligations to fund a single infrastructure project.

With effect from 1 September 2019, the upper limit has been removed by the Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019

Solar Panels and Planning Permission

There's an interesting legal article explaining why a Council was wrong to ignore the effect of a proposed development on neighbouring solar panels.

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/40990-solar-panels-and-planning-permissions>



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