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# **NALC Enews**

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### **Automatic Enrolment**

The Govt. has announced the bandings to take effect in April 2019. Councils must ensure that staff within the bands are provided with a pension.

The announcement is at

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-12-04/HCWS1135>

There's more information on automatic enrolment on The Pension Regulator's website

<https://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/>

### **The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal**

The November 2018 progress update is at

<http://www.borderlandsgrowth.com/Portals/0/Documents/newletters/Borderlands%20Newsletter%20November%202018.pdf>

### **A Quick Guide to Railways**

The Transport Select Committee has published its report on the troubles around the timetable problems in May.

The House of Commons Library have produced a Quick Guide to Railways providing a brief outline of the GB rail industry, including the bodies responsible for delivering services, how new schemes are chosen and financed.

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN04128>

## **Event Charges in Northumberland**

On 4 December 2018, the County Council issued a consultation on recovering costs of traffic management and other services. It will not apply to Remembrance Day Parades and Armed Forces Parades. It was sent to organisers of events held within the past 12 months.

NALC has asked that this be sent to all parish, town and community councils in Northumberland as well as seeking further information.

I anticipated that NALC will be making a formal response before the close of the consultation on 7 January 2019.

## **Elections**

The national NALC have updated a range of material designed to assist in raising awareness of our sector.

They are available via <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/elections>

## DBS Checks

The Home Office have updated their guidance for employers.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dbs-check-requests-guidance-for-employers>

## Introduction of Lynx into Kielder Forest

The Secretary of State has refused to give permission. His letter is at

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/761267/letter-from-sos-to-lynx-uktrust-181203.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/761267/letter-from-sos-to-lynx-uktrust-181203.pdf)



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