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The County Council's Community Chest Scheme

Although Parish, Town and Community Councils are not eligible for assistance under this scheme, groups within communities may wish to have details.

All clerks in Northumberland were sent information by email earlier this month. If your Council has not received a copy, please look at

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Councillors/Community-Chest.aspx#howtoapplyforcommunitychestscheme>

or contact Iain Hedley at the County Council using Iain.Hedley@northumberland.gov.uk

Crowd Funding

If, like me, you have heard the phrase but are not sure what it means, then the article at this link will help

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/5060a2022e1081d67bbdd9b3a/files/1219ed1c-49de-4099-bbc7-22d46dfcc7fa/MUGA_Crowdfunding.docx

Our thanks to Longhorsley Parish Council for giving this information on how they successfully used crowd-helping to help refurbish a MUGA for their community.

The future of Mobility: Urban Strategy

With thanks to Blakelaw & North Fenham Community Council for drawing attention to this, the link is to papers from the Dept. for Transport setting out the Govt.'s approach to innovation in urban transport.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-of-mobility-urban-strategy>

There is also a useful source of information at

<https://www.lowcvp.org.uk/>

Planning

The links are to a couple of legal articles

1: Calculating Education Contributions

This article looks at a recent High Court decision concerning the contributions developers should pay towards educational provision.

<https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/318-planning-features/40354-calculating-education-contributions>

2: Can planning conditions be implied

This article gives background to a forth-coming appeal to the Supreme Court by a local planning authority who are seeking to imply a condition into a planning approval.

<https://localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/planning/401-planning-news/40379-supreme-court-to-hear-case-on-implying-condition-into-planning-consent>

From a very quick look at the decision in the Court of Appeal, it seems that for whatever reason a key condition was not repeated in a variation decision notice.

Traffic Commissioner Appeals

The national NALC are trialling a new way of seeking information from Member Councils to enable them to respond to Government on behalf of our sector. Their latest request is set out below.

The Department for Transport has issued a new consultation on the vehicle operator licensing system [

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792110/consultation-into-making-legislative-changes-to-the-operator-licensing-system.pdf] which is due to come into force by 1

April 2020. NALC will be responding.

Context & proposals

The Government wishes to introduce formal tribunal rules to allow traffic commissioners to deal with cases fairly and justly. Public Sector Vehicle (PSV) operator licences are considered in chapter 1. Formal tribunal rules are examined in chapter 2. NALC is minded to highlight:

1. Its position that local councils should be statutory consultees at all stages during traffic commissioner cases.

2. Its position that the Government needs to consult with local councils on HGV parking sites in suitably sustainable locations within their boundaries; &

3. Its position that the Government needs to introduce measures to make it easier to de-criminalise breaches of parking regulation for the purposes of allowing local councils to enforce those regulations.

Consultation questions

NALC will be responding to the below consultation questions and is interested in the sector's views:

Question 1 Do you agree with changing PSV operator licence procedures so that applicants can have operational approval at the earliest opportunity (subject to normal safeguards)?

Question 3 Do you agree that introducing formal tribunal rules will be beneficial to the Traffic Commissioner's tribunal functions? If No, you are against tribunal rules introduction because?

Your views

Please email your responses to this consultation to chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 17.00 on Tuesday 11 June, 2019. County associations are asked to forward this e-briefing onto all member councils in their areas, please.



If you have any comments or observations, please contact
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