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Dear All -

Just a quick email to draw your attention to a number of [news items](#) that have been added to the [CALC website](#) recently, full details of the stories listed below with PDFs and links to the associated documentation are available for members on the news or job vacancies pages.

News items and Briefings include:

- English Rural has produced **Building Tomorrow's Rural Communities: A Design Guide** – an essential resource for shaping the future of rural housing. Discover how you can contribute to positive change in your community by using the practical tools and innovative solutions provided to empower local communities with the knowledge and resources to start their own journey towards building affordable and beautiful rural homes – please use this link englishruralha.sharepoint.com/sites/RuralHousingDesignGuide/Shared Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FRuralHousingDesignGuide%2FShared Documents%2FGeneral%2FRural Housing Design Guide%2FRural Housing Design Guide SP%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FRuralHousingDesignGuide%2FShare d Documents%2FGeneral%2FRural Housing Design Guide&p=true&ga=1
- The Parkinson Partnership has released a new briefing note about the Financial Services Compensation Scheme – please follow this link <https://www.cornwallalc.org.uk/uploads/financial-services-compensation-scheme-june-2024-13.pdf?v=1720164669>
- NALC's **National Network: Coastal Communities next meeting is on 3 September 2024** - if you're a local council in a coastal area or are interested in coastal issues and want to connect with your colleagues, **please sign up!** Beach of Dreams, a UK-wide coastal festival programme will start from May 1 to June 1 2025.
- NALC have updated Legal Topic Note 79 on Staff Pensions: Auto enrolment – login to the members area of the NALC website to access the advice note.
- A reminder for the **Parish Council Domains Helper Service**: please see a recent article on the [NALC website](#) with further links to information and guidance. The Cabinet Office has now secured funding of £100 + vat to help eligible parish councils offset the initial cost of setting up a .gov.uk domain name. It is available across the financial year 24/25 to support 1,000 eligible councils. Also, you can listen to the SLCC's podcast '[making the move to a .gov.uk domain](#)' – you don't have to be a member of SLCC!
- JPAG will soon begin updating the Practitioners' Guide for 2025 and the NALC panel is keen to collect as much feedback from practitioners (Clerks & RFOs) as possible. There is a short survey on the NALC website to complete: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XI10-kGBhESEUZ2oBPD-MWaf9eGE4vdIok3wjETt7gtUQzdZSEVVSUJUWEVSOVkyNUPQWFE2UjRQUyQIQCN0PWcu>

- CALC has updated a short guidance note summarising the principles of voting and various voting formats available to Town and Parish councils – please follow this link <https://www.cornwallalc.org.uk/uploads/faq-methods-of-voting.pdf?v=1720454103> you will need to login into the CALC website to access the information.
- NALC has made community safety one of its big campaign themes in 2024. As part of this NALC is developing a new community safety webpage which will include case studies setting out what local (parish and town) councils can do and are currently doing to make their places feel safer. As such NALC would be grateful if you could please complete the following short Forms community safety case study document survey (<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=XI10-kGBhESEUZ2oBPD-MXcDGgACcfVLo9lsczFoTXpUN09MRTBSRDJPVUZCT0FSVE82SlpEOEE0UCQIQCN0PWcu>) **The deadline for completion of the case study survey is 23:45 on Friday 20 September 2024.**
- NALC has a suite of 45 online event recordings allowing members who are unable to attend live sessions access to essential information and discussions. Topics covered vary from climate change to planning to youth engagement and finance. The online recordings are published one month after the event and can be found on the NALC website – check them out!
- NACO has issued ‘**Guidance on A Ceremonial Response to Death**’ and we would urge all councils to register free of charge to the NACO website [here](#) and access the most up to date advice and information.

Previous News items:

- **Funding Your Community's Vision: Grants Available for Neighbourhood Plans!** The Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme is offering grants and expert support to help you create a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects your community's needs and aspirations. These grants can cover everything from developing your plan to engaging your community and getting professional advice. Visit <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/> to apply for the grant.
[GoCollaborate](#) have a user-friendly platform which streamlines community consultation and ensures everyone has a voice. Together the GoCollaborate team now have over 40 years of consultation and engagement experience and they will work with you to deliver an accessible and engaging consultation you need, for a price that fits your budget.
- **NALC Star Council Awards:** Nominations have opened for 2024 to celebrate the achievements of the local (parish and town) council sector. Entrants can apply for six award categories including; Council of the Year, Councillor of the Year, Young Councillor of the Year, County Association of the Year, Clerk of the Year, and Climate Response of the Year. The nomination period ends on 6 September 2024, and the winners will be announced at a ceremony in the House of Lords, where they will be presented with their awards [Find out more about the awards and how to submit an entry](#) and click here for [Star Council Awards 2024 Communications pack.pdf](#)
- **ACRE Village Hall Building Grants:** ACRE has recently confirmed that village hall management committees can once again apply for grants of up to £75,000 to improve village hall buildings. The fund, which was originally announced to mark the Late Queen’s Platinum Jubilee has reopened for new applications. Groups can submit applications for grants of between £7,500 and £75,000, which can be used to cover up to 20% of capital costs associated with renovation and improvement projects. This latest window for new applications is expected to last until government funding has been exhausted. The application process is competitive, and hall committees must be able to complete the project work by the end of March 2025. Interested groups are strongly encouraged to read information and guidance about the fund available from ACRE’s website before applying [Action with Communities in Rural England - ACRE](#)

- In September 2024 it's the **20th anniversary** for **Stop Loan Sharks** and the **Stop Loan Sharks Spring Newsletter** has just been released - please contact the team for **FREE** loan shark awareness training and use the following link for the latest newsletter
<https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/newsletter-sign-up/>

Training Opportunities include:

- Cornwall Council invite all local councils to the next **Local Council training session on Thursday 19 September 2024 at 4pm-5.30pm** for an update on planning processes and procedures, plus a chance to hear the latest from each of the Planning Area teams, including Class Q and Class R (converting agricultural buildings) and annexes. This is an online event and please use the Teams link below to join. There is no need to book and places are not limited and this is open to clerks, officers and councillors.

The presentations from this event will be made available afterwards on our [Local Council Planning Training](#) webpage.

4.00-4.45pm Development Management: Processes and procedures update, Area Teams news (DM Group Leaders)

4.45-5.30pm Enforcement and Compliance 2024 (Jon Drew and Alan Mason, Planning Enforcement Group Leaders)

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 398 301 692 744 Passcode: GmkhTA

Dial-in by phone [+44 20 7660 8305,998243959#](#) United Kingdom, London Phone conference ID: 998 243 959#

- **LGA Leadership Essentials** is a series of programmes and workshops designed as themed learning opportunities for councillors. Each event concentrates on a specific portfolio or service area or theme and many of them are fully subsidised and are ideal for new councillors or those who wish to refresh their understanding. For further details on the programme please visit the webpage [LGA's Leadership Essentials programme](#)
- **Community Governance with the SLCC:** Governance covers the ways in which people and organisations work together and independently, making decisions for the benefit of a local community.

A range of qualifications are available, awarded by the De Montfort University (DMU) including Certificate of Higher Education (Level 4), Foundation Degree (Level 5), Honours Degree (Level 6) and MA in Public Leadership (Level 7)

Who can Take Community Governance? Any officer whose council would benefit from a deeper understanding of how local councils work – especially officers with CiLCA or new officers coming into the profession. The qualification is also open to councillors. For more information visit [SLCC | Community Governance](#) or email commgov@slcc.co.uk for more information

CALC & External Provider Training Opportunities include:

- **Code of Conduct for Councillors:** an online training sessions via Teams for Councillors to attend Code of Conduct training with Sarah Mason on **Tuesday 3 September 2024 at 6.30pm-8.30pm** – Cost £20 + vat per delegate
- **CILCA:** We will be hosting a **FREE Introductory session** in the Autumn (date TBC) and if you are interested in finding out more about this qualification, please register your interest by emailing: training@cornwallalc.org.uk
- A choice of two online sessions with **planning expert, Andrew Towleron**, hosted by CALC:

1. Introduction to Planning on Tuesday 15 October 2024 & Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 6.30pm-8.30pm – Cost £30 + vat per delegate

In this webinar there will be a focus on the roles and responsibilities of local councils in planning, local plan-making, the National Planning Policy Framework, developer contributions and guidance on how to respond effectively to planning applications, including the use of material considerations.

2. NEW Heritage & Conservation on Tuesday 22 October 2024 & Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 6.30pm-8pm - Cost £30 + vat per delegate

In this webinar there will be a particular focus on heritage, local plans and Class Q permitted development (which concerns the conversion of agricultural buildings into new homes) issues and how they interact with the planning system and the role of local councils in this.

- For further information on external providers follow this link to the CALC website and calendar: <https://www.cornwallalc.org.uk/list-of-courses> and <https://www.cornwallalc.org.uk/training1>

SWALC/Nimble E-Learning provide a variety of ‘work at your own pace’ interactive computer-based modules suitable for councillors and officers covering a broad range of subjects from information security awareness to civility and respect modules.

Steve Parkinson specialises in financial/VAT advice and training for the local council sector (new dates due to be released for September onwards).

Breakthrough Communications cover all aspects of council communications and community engagement with a variety of courses still available in July and August.

Job Vacancies include:

- St Dennis Parish Council - Part time Senior Administrative Officer – Closing date for applications 9 August 2024
- St Dennis Parish Council - Part time Administrative Assistant – Closing date for applications 9 August 2024
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are looking for Councillor Advocates who have a desire to act as a positive and proactive communication conduit between the police, the Commissioner and the public. You are invited to volunteer for the scheme and for further information please email councilloradvocateopcc@dc-pcc.gov.uk or telephone 01392 225555 and ask to speak to Elizabeth Record.
- Newquay Town Council - Full time HR Manager - Closing date for applications 16 August 2024

For more information about any of the training opportunities please email training@cornwallalc.org.uk

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