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UNADOPTED MOTIONS BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Below is a list of policy motions not adopted by the NALC Policy Committee from June 2021 onwards at its quarterly meetings. It is vital to remember that all county association motions are properly vetted, compared against a list of current NALC policies, need to be strongly evidenced to be adopted, and are adopted if they propose a policy which has national reach and impact, is timely and will help with NALC lobbying on key and wider campaigns. Reasons for these motions not being adopted are also contained in the table below. Some of the motions below will probably have been agreed to in part but have been included below if they have not been formally adopted as national policy.

County association	Motion	Date considered	Reason not adopted
Shropshire Association of Local Councils	SALC requests that NALC lobby the government to further tighten controls on the indiscriminate use of fireworks throughout the year and in particular to ban the use of Chinese lanterns as per the reasons set out in this submission.	29 June 2021	Committee did not believe fireworks regulations would be a top priority for the government at moment. Changes would require primary legislation. Local bans on Chinese lanterns agreed should be promoted.
Berkshire Association of Local Councils	BALC is requesting that the government implement this legislation [regarding the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 Section 42 and Section 43], immediately. This will enable the mandatory adoption of Surface Water Urban Development Systems and sewers and address issues which could be to the legal, financial and environmental detriment of homeowners.	29 June 2021	Committee were sympathetic to needs of residents in parished areas but unclear as to precise lobbying ask by BALC. BALC have been asked to supply a copy of the 2017 Parliamentary Scrutiny Committee report into SUDS to NALC officers.

Warwickshire & West Midlands Association of Local Councils	The proposal is that NALC lobby the government for a change in legislation to remove the need for the monitoring officer to have to conduct the investigation of alleged breaches.	5 October 2021	Not a problem across all county areas and requires further engagement with Association of Democratic Services Officers and the Local Government Association.
Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils	GAPTC asks NALC to lobby government to offer funding for councils to provide livestreaming to their residents.	5 October 2021	Livestreaming not considered to be the main problem; ongoing lobbying for legislation for ongoing remote meetings is considered the priority as is increasing faster broadband nationally.
Hampshire Association of Local Councils	Increasing councillors through Community Governance Reviews.	25 January 2022	Not evidence this is a national issue and principal authorities cannot be compelled to undertake CGRs.
Cheshire Association of Local Councils	ChALC called for the committee to carry out the necessary research to discover whether there is a universal requirement to just use verbal statements at planning committee meetings across the country, or if other authorities deal with the issue differently. To determine what needs to change to allow local councils to use visual imagery when supporting or objecting to planning applications at a planning committee meeting. To	15 March 2022	No evidence that there was sufficient reason for a complete overhaul of planning legislation to achieve this.

	develop and publicise a position on this matter that can be shared with county associations and their members.		
Devon Association of Local Councils	DALC calls upon NALC to support a change to national speed limit policy enabling local councils to request a 30mph speed limit on single-track rural roads.	19 October 2022	More work needs to be done to gather an evidence base that this is a national issue for local councils.