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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 or 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.

<b>County association</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Date considered</b>	<b>Reason not adopted</b>
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	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.

	environmental detriment of homeowners.		
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	15 March 2022	No evidence that there was sufficient reason for a complete overhaul of planning legislation to achieve this.

	councils to use visual imagery when supporting or objecting to planning applications at a planning committee meeting. To 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.
Dorset Association of Local Councils	Request that NALC lobby central government for changes to the National Planning Policy Framework to reduce the conflict and contradiction between conservation's adherence to less effective standards and building regulation's requirements to improved environmental and energy efficient insulation methods and materials, whilst respecting the value of listed buildings.	24 January 2023	Better balance needs to be struck between protecting listed buildings and making essential only changes to them to make them habitable inn the current century.
Kent Association of Local Councils	KALC to urge NALC to recommend to Government that it adopts a policy of 100% water neutrality on future developments	20 June 2023	Not yet considered a national issue. NALC agreed to further research this matter, engage with the LGA and Home Builders' Federation on it,

			broaden it to factor in nutrient neutrality and raise the issue as needed with the Climate Emergency Network.
Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils	The Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) is of the view that the threshold of ten electors to call a by-election or parish poll is far too low resulting in polls being called where there is very low public demand (evidenced by the low levels of participation when the poll takes place). In addition, the cost of such polls is disproportionately expensive, particularly to smaller councils where a single poll can cost in excess of 10% of a council's annual precept. IWALC therefore calls on NALC to lobby HM Government for a change in the law to increase the threshold of electors required to call a by-election or parish poll.	20 June 2023	Agreed NALC should engage and promote the point about there being an increased threshold to trigger both a parish poll and by-election. But considered these were separate matters. NALC needs to be seen as pro-democratic, but to take note of where the democratic process is not working well. Principle of co-option could also be promoted to avoid expensive repeat by-elections where vacancies are time and again not filled.