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NALC NEWS

NALC CALLS FOR BUSINESS RATE LOCALISATION TO BE EXTENDED TO LOCAL COUNCILS

The government has been urged to be more local and more radical in its approach to localising business rates in order to help communities fund the growing range of local services provided by local councils.

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PARISHING ALL OF ENGLAND PROVIDES KEY TO UNLOCKING PEOPLE POWER OVER HOUSING AND PLANNING

Plans to reform the housing and planning system have been welcomed by NALC however England's communities body has called for the creation of more local councils to help tackle the housing crisis and put local people more in control of planning decisions.

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NALC PUTS THREE BIG QUESTIONS TO PARTIES TO ANSWER IN GENERAL ELECTION MANIFESTOS

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has urged the political parties to consider how they can best put communities in control in their General Election manifestos.

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GOOD COUNCILLORS GUIDE - A ROUTE MAP FOR LOCAL LEADERS

The Good Councillor's guide has been published. The guide looks at new powers that local councils now have; what they can do and must not do; processes around meetings; delivery of service; and lots of tips explaining in simple terms the broader world of local government.

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OTHER NEWS

NAVIGATE YOUR WAY AROUND SOCIAL INVESTMENT

Good Finance, a website to help community organisations and groups navigate the often complex world of social investment, has just launched. It was designed by charities and social enterprises and developed in collaboration with Locality, Big Society Capital, Access, the government and key sector partners.

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PLANNING

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING DELIVERING MORE HOUSING IN SHROPSHIRE

Shropshire Housing Group is celebrating the granting of planning permission on an exceptional site after years of collaboration on Much Wenlock's Neighbourhood Plan. Building is set to start this month on one of the region's first Passivhaus sites. Originating from Germany, Passivhaus is the leading international low energy, design standard. The standard is a highly effective way of reducing energy use and carbon emissions from buildings, as well as providing high standards of comfort and building health.

Continue reading (Source: Rural Services Network)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONFLICT TRUMPS 315 CHESHIRE HOMES

The communities secretary, Sajid Javid MP, has refused three appeals for 315 homes across separate sites around Tattenhall in Cheshire, against recommendations for approval from a planning inspector.

Continue reading (Source: Planning Resource)

INFLATION-PROOFING PUSHES UP COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CHARGES

A mechanism intended to ensure that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charges respond to market conditions has pushed up rates by nearly a third in some of the first local areas to adopt the levy, an analysis by Planning has found. The analysis, shows that mandatory rules intended to ensure CIL charges keep pace with market conditions mean that the rates that early CIL adopters are now charging bear little similarity to those developers were being asked to pay five years ago.

Continue reading (Source: Planning Resource)



PLANNING

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING BILL PASSED INTO LAW

The Neighbourhood Planning Bill was among a group of 22 bills to receive Royal Assent yesterday evening ahead of the dissolution of Parliament late last month. Following the prime minister's snap general election announcement the government faced a race against time to finalise legislation before the dissolution of parliament on 3 May.

For NALC's comment on the bill [click here](#)



RURAL AFFAIRS

RURAL HOUSING WEEK 2017

This year Rural Housing week will take place between 3 and 7 July. The week will consist of local activities organised in rural communities throughout the country by rural organisations, supported by the National Housing Federation and finish with a national conference in London.

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BUS ACT ‘CHANCE TO BOOST SERVICES’

New measures are an opportunity for local authorities to improve services, say transport campaigners. The government confirmed on 27 April 2017 that the Bus Services Bill has Royal Assent and will become an Act of Parliament. The act aims to strengthen arrangements for partnership working in the sector, introducing ‘enhanced partnerships’. It also introduces new franchising powers with decision making at a local level.

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NALC DIGITAL COUNCILS EVENT – 25 MAY 2017

Even the most hardened traditionalist now accepts that digital content and digital channels are hard-wired into parish and town council activity. This workshop is a chance for colleagues to hear about why digital increasingly matters, the importance of both doing it and how to do it. It will provide an opportunity to look at some best practice, hear some new ideas and to get expert advice on evaluation.

Register your place today

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