



Coronavirus — information for parish & town councils

NALC has updated its dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. This includes updates on the Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund and further guidance on managing facilities and public spaces. See the updates below:

Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy published [guidance on applying for the coronavirus Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund](#) on 29 May. Small and micro businesses with fixed property costs that are not eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund may be eligible for the Discretionary Grants Scheme. The guidance advises those interested in the fund to visit their local council's website to find out how to apply.

Managing facilities and public spaces

We have also added a range of guidance related to the management of facilities and public spaces:

- On 3 June, CFP published a guide to [managing public parks during COVID-19](#). This includes specific sections related to car parks, children's play areas, outdoor gyms, ball courts, sports activities, public toilets, cafes and visitor centres.
- The Lawn Tennis Association has produced [information related to tennis activities](#) during COVID-19.
- Skateboard England has produced a set of [guidelines for skating safely](#).
- The Visitors Safety Group have produced [guidance on work practices for landowners and countryside managers](#).

This information forms part of a NALC's dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. It should not be used as a substitute for government advice, however, there are some practicalities specific to local (parish and town) councils where we hope this information will help you plan ahead and manage your risks. If you would like further advice and support on any of these topics for your local council then please **contact your local county association**. This is a fast-moving situation and we will be updating the webpage regularly.

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