



E-NEWS UPDATE...

New Training Schedule: September – December 2020

The team at LALC are finalising the last few details of our amended training schedule for the remainder of 2020 and will be sharing this with you all in the next couple of weeks. As it stands, we have the following dates confirmed, and these will be available to book via the LALC website <https://www.lalc.co.uk/training/> by Monday 17th August.

Course	Trainer	Original Date	New Date(s)
PREVENT – Counter terrorism	Paul Drury - LCC	23 rd April 2020	Thurs 22 nd Oct 10-11am
Financial Responsibilities	Katrina	6 th May	14 th October 10-12.30
Council Powers and Procedures	Katrina	11 th Nov	10 th & 11 th Nov 10-1
Funding 1 – Maximum 9 delegates per session, no more than 2 delegates per organisation	Wendy Moore - LCC	8 th July	10 th September 10-1
Funding 2 - Maximum 9 delegates per session, no more than 2 delegates per organisation	Wendy Moore - LCC	2 nd September	Part 1- Monday 19 th October 1-4 Part 2- Wednesday 21 st October 1-4
Funding 3 - Maximum 9 delegates per session, no more than 2 delegates per organisation	Wendy Moore - LCC	21 st October	Part 1- Monday 2 nd November 1-4 Part 2- Wednesday 4 th November 1-4
Councillors Session	Katrina	8 th September	8 th September 6-9pm
CILCA catch up day	Lincs Candidates		Monday 14 th September 10-1
Councillors Day	Katrina	9 th September	1 st & 2 nd September
Councillors Day	Katrina	30 th September	30 th September & 1 st October
Councillors Day	Katrina	18 th November	17 th & 18 th Nov
Clerks Day	Katrina	24 th September	22 nd & 23 rd September

FOI/DP	Ewan Robson – IG Compliance	29 th September	29 th September time TBC
Employment Law & resolving conflict	Chris Moses – Personnel Advice and Solutions	7 th October	6 th & 7 th October – 10-11.30
Planning	Matthew	15 th October	15 th October – 10am – 1pm
Neighbourhood Plans	Matthew	12 th November	12 th November – 10am – 1pm
Chair & Clerk	Katrina	25 th November	24 th & 25 th Nov 10am – 1pm
CiLCA Intro	Katrina/Steve	8 th October	8 th October



REMINDER: NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION

Eighteen months after the Committee on Standards in Public Life reported to the Prime Minister on improving ethical standards in local government, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has been pleased to have worked with the Local Government Association (LGA) to take forward the recommendation to develop an updated national model code of conduct for all tiers of local government. This is an important measure NALC called for and proposed to the committee.

The LGA is now [consulting on the proposed national model member code of conduct](#), and NALC is urging all local (parish and town) councils and county associations of local councils to consider the proposed code and [respond](#) to the LGA to share their views.

However, the report also recognised that current sanctions available to local authorities are insufficient, and NALC is also calling on the government to take urgent action to introduce the recommendation in the report for a new power for local authorities to suspend councillors for a period of up to six months.

Failure to introduce this sanction alongside other measures will risk wider steps being taken to improve ethical standards, such as the model code of conduct and training for councillors and clerks, as being ineffective.

Now more than ever, high standards of conduct in government at all levels are needed to protect the integrity of decision making, maintain public confidence and to safeguard local democracy. That is why NALC is also calling for the Committee on Standards in Public Life to publish a timetable for reviewing progress on the implementation of the report's wider recommendations and best practice to ensure this important issue continues to be a priority for action.

[Model Member Code of Conduct](#)

To complete the survey please visit

https://research.local.gov.uk/jfe/form/SV_blupYNXmiJ0xECV?utm_source=Members&utm_campaign=53d4c29919-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_08_03_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206970988f-53d4c29919-327836217&mc_cid=53d4c29919&mc_eid=9629be3d36

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LGA chairman joins NALC online event panel

Cllr James Jamieson, chairman of the Local Government Association (LGA) will join NALC's online event, *Leaders' talk: Building back stronger communities* on 25 August 2020. Cllr Jamieson will talk about LGA's latest **Re-thinking local** campaign, reassessing what we want from local areas, public spaces and communities, having the right tools and resources so councils can deliver on the ambitions of their diverse communities, and how tiers of local government can re-think local to work more effectively together.

Cllr Jamieson was elected as LGA chairman in 2019 and to Central Bedfordshire Council in 2009, and has an extensive local government background. He is a qualified engineer working in the industry and banking for over 20 years.

Cllr Jamieson will be joined on the panel by high street guru, Bill Grimsey, and Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman of NALC.

Register your place today for this event and find out more about the full Rebuilding Communities event series at www.nalc.gov.uk/rebuildingcommunities

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Planning white paper

I'm sure at the weekend many of you will have read the media's trailing of likely proposals in the government's planning white paper, well the wait is over as this was published on 6 August. I think it's fair to say the radical proposals in **Planning for the future** have provoked quite a response, and you can read our short initial reaction [here](#).

https://twitter.com/NALC/status/1291400294048436224?s=20&utm_source=Members&utm_campaign=d8eb4bb65f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_08_03_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206970988f-d8eb4bb65f-323671237&mc_cid=d8eb4bb65f&mc_eid=1db552b9b0

Headlines on the proposals include: a 300,000 annual housing target; a 30 month time limit to prepare local plans which will be shorter and identify land in three categories of growth, renewal and protection; a single flat rate infrastructure levy to replace section 106 agreements and community infrastructure levy, with a neighbourhood share retained; a new focus on design; and greater use of digital and data. Importantly, neighbourhood planning is being retained, and proposed to be made easier, content more focussed, and again greater use of technology.

The white paper is subject to consultation, and two other policy papers have been published alongside it, and we will be publishing our own consultation documents on these asking for your views to inform our own response. We are hoping to hold an online event to help explain the proposals, more details on this shortly.

But can I urge all county associations and local councils to put the planning white paper on your agendas over the coming weeks so you can consider the proposals and share your views with us and the government.