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NALC NEWS

NALC'S CHANGING PLACES CONFERENCE

Please book on now, less than three weeks left, to this conference to hear directly from the local government minister, Marcus Jones MP, on parish capping and neighbourhood planning. And find out how it could impact on you. This is a rare chance to put your points of view across to a very influential government minister. This will be the first major local council conference after the closure of the consultation on this.

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NEW DEAL NEEDED FOR COMMUNITIES

This is a challenging Autumn Statement from a government with little room to manoeuvre and facing huge challenges. Devolution and local action needs to be seen as part of the solution to these problems and renewed efforts to empower and strengthen local democracy are now a must and vital to the future delivery of public services and successful decentralisation. The devolution plans announced are great but this next phase of localism is by no means localist enough, nor is it bold enough. Devolution must not stop at Whitehall or county hall and NALC asks that the government's devolution plans must include communities, neighbourhoods and local councils.

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LOCAL COUNCILS TO PLAY KEY ROLE IN EMERGENCY WINTER PLANNING

Local councils are being asked by the Government to play a role in alleviating the adverse effects of winter emergency situations. NALC is supporting this call for local councils to be at the heart of the Get Ready for Winter campaign, which aims to help raise awareness of the dangers posed by winter weather and provide tips and advice on how to minimise its impact. The campaign is run and implemented by the Met Office working with a number of Government Departments with support from charities and other community based organisation.

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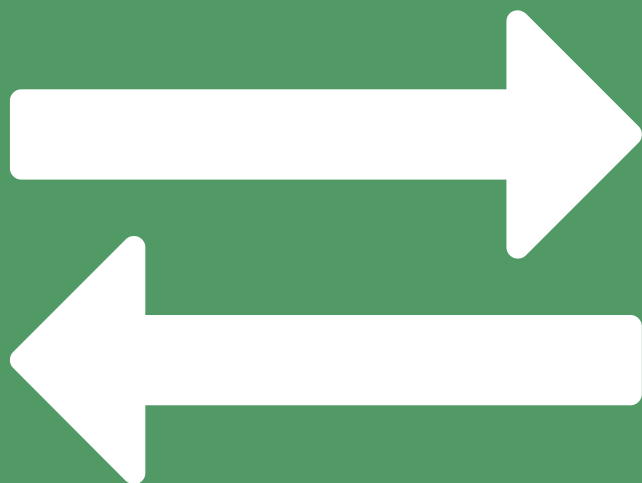
The De Montfort University Local Governance Research Unit and The MJ Councillor Commission has recently published its interim findings. The commission is supported by NALC. The commission has been travelling the country to explore with councillors (including parish and town councillors) their role, work, motivations and frustrations and what they need to be able to strengthen their office and what it can achieve.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS PRESENTS

CHANGING PLACES CONFERENCE

30 NOVEMBER 2016



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OTHER NEWS

PRIME MINISTER THERESA MAY MP SUPPORTS NATIONAL CIVIC DAY 2017

Prime Minister Theresa May MP gave her support for Civic Day 2017 after it was launched at an event in Parliament. NALC is also supporting this initiative. The Prime Minister said "I am pleased to lend my support to Civic Day, the national celebration of civic pride. It is fantastic to see communities coming together and celebrating where they live." Civic Day is part of the Civic Voice vision to create a society where everyone can say 'I care about where I live'. Civic Day is an annual celebration which gives communities the chance to celebrate their local area and promote civic pride. Civic societies and community groups host a variety of events, ranging from guided walks, to street parties, to sports events, all in the name of celebrating their local area.

[Find out more of some of the events being run across England \(Source: Civic Voice\)](#)



PLANNING

THE HIGH COURT HAS BACKED A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICY INTENDED TO HALT THE SPREAD OF SECOND HOMES IN ST IVES IN CORNWALL

The St Ives Area Neighbourhood Development Plan, which was backed by 83 per cent of voters on a turnout of 42 per cent in a referendum on 5 May, includes a policy that would require new homes to be occupied as the buyer's main residence.

[Continue reading \(Source: The Planning Resource\)](#)



RURAL AFFAIRS

BUS CUTS LEAVE COMMUNITIES ISOLATED

Rural communities are being left isolated because councils have been forced to reduce bus services, new figures reveal. Local authorities have been forced to reduce bus services by more than 12% in the last year alone, according to the Local Government Association. This has left thousands of rural people isolated, says the LGA, which represents more than 370 councils in England and Wales.

[Continue reading \(Source: Rural Services Network\)](#)

PLAN TO WITHDRAW RED PHONE BOXES

Rural communities are being urged to adopt their local red phone box – or face the possibility of its removal. Out of 46,000 working public payphone kiosks on the streets of the UK, around 8,000 are traditional red phone boxes. But the advent of mobile phones means many phone boxes are seldom used, if at all. BT is currently consulting on proposals to remove a number of kiosks – including many that haven't been used at all during the past year.

[Continue reading \(Source: Rural Services Network\)](#)



JOB VACANCY: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Role: Tree Charter Project Communications Officer

Where: NALC and The Woodland Trust

Salary: up to £22,500 per annum pro rata

Closing Date: 9 December 2016

Interviews: w/c 12 December 2016

The National Association of Local Councils is looking for a talented, energetic and passionate individual to join us as a Tree Charter Communications Officer within our Communications Team. The successful candidate will lead in the promotion and profile raising awareness of the Charter Project for Trees, Woods and People. The postholder will also take a lead role in encouraging better local (parish and town) council engagement with the Charter project.

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