

# NEWS Roundup

## Week Ending 02.10.20



### ChALC Focus

Latest funding bulletin from NALC can be downloaded (by members only) [here](#).

#### **\*\*\*\* NEW AUTUMN VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSIONS \*\*\***

### **Introduction to Town Planning from a Local Council Perspective**

*Sessions delivered by Andrea Pellegram – an experienced manager and town planner*

The planning system controls new development that shapes our communities, economy and environment. Like all regulatory structures it can be difficult to navigate successfully. Andrea Pellegram has over 30 years' experience in working in all aspects of the English planning system and will help you get the most out of it.

#### **Session 1: Introduction to planning**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (3.00 – 5.00pm)**

- What is town planning and what does it cover?
- It's a plan-led system
- The policy hierarchy
- Who is involved and what do they want?
- Where do Parish and Town Councils fit in?
- Development Timetable

**Cost: £30.00 Members  
£45.00 Non-members**

#### **Session 2: The Role of Local Councils in Town Planning**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (3.00 – 5.00pm)**

- Development Timetable
- Your role as a consultee
- Probity and transparency
- Running your planning committee
- Pre-application discussions with developers
- The difference between a Neighbourhood Plan and other Council plans

**Cost: £30.00 Members  
£45.00 Non-members**

#### **Session 3: Important Planning Concepts**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (3.00 – 5.00pm)**

- Planning Conditions
- Planning Obligations
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Viability
- Up to date housing land supply policies
- Permitted Development
- Biodiversity
- Material planning considerations

**Cost: £30.00 Members  
£45.00 Non-members**

**To book you place(s) contact Nikki Hewitt – [NikkiHewitt@chalc.org.uk](mailto:NikkiHewitt@chalc.org.uk)**

## Finance Sessions by Steve Parkinson from Parkinson Partnership

### Budgeting

~~Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (10.00 – 11.30am)~~ - *Fully Booked*  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (6.30 - 8.00pm) - *Limited Spaces*  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 (10.00am-11.30am) - *NEW session*  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (10.00 – 11.30 am) - *NEW session*

*Aimed at those involved in preparing, approving and monitoring budgets, as well as those involved in the day to day financial management of a council*

#### Topics covered include:

- Preparing a budget
- Setting a precept
- Allowing for inflation
- Contingencies and reserves
- How the council tax base affects the budget
- Budget monitoring

**Cost:** £30.00 members  
£45.00 non-members

### Finance for Councillors

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (6.30 – 8.00pm) & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (10.00 to 11.30am)

*Gives councillors a greater understanding of their duties regarding the council's finances*

#### Topics covered include:

- Roles and responsibilities
- Setting a budget and precept
- Financial control
- Year end and accounts
- Internal and external audit

**Cost:** £30.00 members  
£45.00 non-members

### Introduction to VAT for Local Councils

~~Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 (10.00 – 11.30am)~~ - *Fully booked*  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (10.00 – 11.30am) - *Limited places*  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (10.00 – 11.30 am) - *NEW session*

*This session explains how VAT affects local councils, with exercises to help develop understanding.*

#### Topics covered include:

- What law and guidance applies to councils
- Business and non-business activities
- Understanding whether sales are taxable or exempt from VAT
- When a council must register for VAT
- When VAT can be reclaimed
- Partial exemption

**Cost:** £30.00 members  
£45.00 non-members

### Cheshire East Code of Conduct

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (1.30 – 3.30pm) & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (6.00 – 8.00pm)

#### What the session covers:

- Underpinning legislation & Obligations of local councils
- The Nolan Principles
- Registering interests
- Managing 'sensitive' information
- Predetermination and bias
- Dispensations and Complaints

**Cost:** £25.00 members  
£40.00 non-member

## **National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Focus**

### **REBUILDING COMMUNITIES ONLINE EVENTS**

#### **Health and Wellbeing Week: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Before lockdown, many local councils across England were stepping up to the plate to get involved in the health and wellbeing agenda in their communities. COVID-19 has now permanently embedded the crucial role local councils have to play in health and wellbeing in their areas. **Health and Wellbeing Week** offers a range of Leaders talks and In Conversation sessions and will showcase the relevance of local councils to all major aspects of community health. See <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-events/rebuilding-communities-online-events> for more details.

**Single event: NALC member: £30 - Non-member: £40**

**Full week (seven sessions): NALC member: £210 - Non-member: £260**

#### **Cheshire West & Chester Focus** *(member briefings attached)*

**1571 - Test and Trace Payment Support Scheme:** To provide members with details of the Test and Trace Support Scheme.

**1572 - Ward data on COVID-19 infections:** Data on COVID-19 infections for wards in Cheshire West and Chester will be published on the Council's website.

#### **Live Well Cheshire West**

Following the Successful Bringing our Communities together, making Care Communities real on the 24th September Live well is pleased to announce all our Care Community pages are now Live on the site.



Following the questions and answers post event we have started to get feedback from communities on what they want to see. The Frodsham, Helsby and Elton Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) are now actively working with us to develop content along with several of the Parishes within the Care Communities. If you'd like to get involved please drop me a line [Andy.Lavender@nhs.net](mailto:Andy.Lavender@nhs.net) find your care community page [HERE](#)

#### **Cheshire East**

##### **Update on arrangements for Remembrance Sunday**

Martin Smith (Registration and Civic Services Manager at CE) has recently written to all the parishes with information, guidance and support for the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. The attached file (CE Remembrance Sunday Arrangements) gives further information on Coronavirus implications; Traffic Management situation and the CE Event Safety Advisory Group and is an important read for anyone involved in potential arrangements.

#### **Other**

**Healthy Space Services** – please see attached document if you are considering building new or refurbishing existing play facilities within your community.

**V A C A N C I E S** - further details available [here](#) on the ChALC website

**Marbury & District Parish Council**

Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

4 hours per week – Closing date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020