

NEWS Roundup

Week Ending 20.11.20



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ChALC Focus

***** New ChALC Virtual Training Sessions *****

Virtual Meetings – do you love them or loathe them?

Sharon Jones, formerly IT Training Manager at Unilever Plc and a Cheshire council clerk, has put together three separate sessions to help clerks and councillors gain confidence in organising, running and participating in effective virtual meetings.

Tuesday 8th December at 2.00pm – Getting the most from a Virtual Meeting Part 1

For clerks and councillors. Session will help attendees understand how to make the most of virtual meetings and help them to feel more confident running them using Zoom.

Thursday 17th December at 11.00am – Getting the most from a Virtual Meeting Part 2

For clerks and councillors wishing to extend their knowledge. Session will enable attendees to organise, run and participate in effective virtual meetings and learn how and when to use the meeting tools to their advantage.

Thursday 10th December at 11.00am – Participating in Virtual Meetings

Specifically aimed at councillors. Session will enable attendees to be confident using the meeting tools they need to participate effectively in a virtual meeting

Limited spaces. For full details and the latest training schedule with available sessions, dates, times and course outlines download directly from our website [here](#)

Please contact Nikki Hewitt directly on nikkihewitt@chalc.org.uk to book your place

ChALC Annual Meeting

ChALC held a successful virtual Annual Meeting yesterday evening. Over 50 people were present and all business was concluded efficiently and with good humour. For your information please find attached the ChALC Annual Report and our supplementary report 'Local Councils meeting the Challenge of Covid-19'

NALC Focus

Local Government Ethical Standards Consultation Briefing

NALC is responding to consultation questions as part of the Committee on Standards in Public Life's review into the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct. Colleagues on member councils are also encouraged to respond with views to policycomms@nalc.gov.uk by **17.00 on 4 December 2020**. See [here](#) for the NALC briefing document.

Calling on local councils to complete a survey on [#ClimateChange](#)

This will explore what councils are currently doing to tackle climate change and the challenges they face. Complete the survey by 29 January 2021 <http://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HVNZMR6>

Coronavirus Information for Local Councils

NALC continues to provide up to date advice and guidance for parish and town councils on its dedicated webpage [here](#)

Other

Cheshire Works 4 U – Enabling Employment Online Event 25.11.2020

The upcoming event will focus on those with health conditions and/or disability, giving participants a chance to apply for roles that match their current skills with inclusive organisations, and to explore the possibilities and advantages that voluntary work can offer. To register for this event or find out more details please contact CHESHIREDEA.PARTNERSHIPTEAM@DWP.GOV.UK A flyer is attached to this bulletin.

Neighbourhood Watch Protect Your Pa\$\$W0rD Campaign

Neighbourhood Watch need your help to make sure whole communities **#ProtectyourPa\$\$W0rD** Managing your online passwords can be overwhelming - from which characters to use to remembering what it is in the first place! **#ProtectyourPaSSW0rD** with our 3 easy steps to help you stay safe online see www.ourwatch.org.uk/passwords for more information and to download resources.

Cheshire West & Chester Focus

Live Well
Cheshire West

Stay Warm, Stay Well, with help from Live Well

As the nights get darker earlier and the mornings are chilly and dark it can mean only one thing, Winter is moving in. It is really important at this time of year to stay healthy and warm. If at this time of year you or someone you know is worried about putting the heating on then The Warm Homes Project offers information and advice on benefits and money related issues, with the aim of maximising income, reducing fuel poverty, and getting access to the support needed to live independently. All their details can be found [HERE](#), you can also find information from the NHS on the **Live Well Keep Warm Keep Well** page [HERE](#). So remember stay Warm, Stay Well, with help from Live Well

Cheshire East Focus

Covid-19 Briefing for Elected Members 19.11.2020

The latest briefing is attached to this bulletin

JOB VACANCIES

Kingsley Parish Council – updated hours now offered

Part-time Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

***** 16 hours per week ******

Closing Date: 11th December 2020

Wistaston Parish Council

Part-Time Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

21 hours per week

Closing date: 30th November 2020

Further details about these vacancies are available [here](#) on the ChALC website

Did you miss a bulletin? Or are you searching for a previous article? Previous weekly bulletins can be found and downloaded from the ChALC website [here](#). Copies of any attachments can be provided on request.