



## Hampshire Association of Local Councils e-Update

July 2015

For the attention of officers and councillors of Hampshire Parish and Town Councils

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## Message from ALC



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Well, it's warming up! We hope those of you travelling on holiday do so safely, and have wonderful times, during this summer period through to the end of September.

The period following the largest tranche of parish and town elections is always our busiest time in the four year cycle, and we are in the middle of a large push with learning and development events. If you are booking now, we are looking at October and November dates at the earliest.

The ALC will let you know what is happening about the Digital Transparency Fund as soon as we are informed – we hope sooner rather than later.

You will shortly be receiving information about Pensions auto enrolment and those councils (around a third of our member councils) in LCPD will be considering our detailed support proposals to guide you through the tricky waters of this subject, bearing in mind that every single council has duties with regards to this legislation.

Look out during the summer for the arrival of our new Service Brochures, which are distributed to every councillor through our clerks – they show clearly what, how, why, when we do things and are useful for everyone involved in the sector.

Please can you also put in your diaries our AGM date of 10th October and look to see who will be attending from your council? We continue to live in interesting and changing times for the sector.

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Steven Lugg, CE of Hampshire ALC



## News and Views



### **New Forest National Park Authority Parish Representative Elections**

The Hampshire ALC has just conducted the administration for the New Forest National Park Authority and South Downs National Park Authority Parish Representative Elections.

A summary of results is shown below:

#### **New Forest National Park Authority Parish Representative Elections - (Split into quadrants)**

South West:	Cllr Harry Oram
South East:	Cllr George Bisson
North East:	Cllr Sally Arnold
North West:	Cllr John Sangar

#### **South Downs National Park Authority Parish Representative Elections**

East Hampshire	Cllr Doug Jones
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*Source: Steven Lugg, Chief Executive, HALC*



## News and Views



### **Countryside Services' Staff Conference**

Our Vice Chairman Cllr Keith Chapman recently attended the Countryside Services' staff conference, and has provided this for the ALC.

"This is a small county service of 160 staff (140 full time employees) and a County Council budget of £3m.

- We manage 3,400 hectares of woodland, wetlands, heath and grassland (equivalent in size to 136 Wembley Stadiums!)
- We manage 3,000 miles of footpaths (equivalent to walking from John O'Groats to Land's End)
- Each year 3.5 million people visit – mostly for free
- We host nearly 40,000 school trips
- We benefit from over 20,000 volunteer days
- We also provide 5 Country Parks and look after:
  - 39 listed buildings
  - 24 ancient sites
  - 5 National Nature Reserves
  - Areas within 2 National Parks
  - 2 canals (including the second oldest waterway in Britain)
  - 1 chapel
  - 1 church
  - And the tallest hill in Hampshire!

The staff are passionate and dedicated and would welcome visits and comments. Councils can contact Karen Murray (the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services) or Jo Heath, Head of Service if you would like any further information."

*Source: Steven Lugg, Chief Executive, HALC*





## News and Views

### **Birthday 2016 Honours list**

If you know someone whose work in the community deserves recognition, perhaps a local volunteer or someone who has set up a great community project, nominations are now open until Tuesday 1 September 2015 for the Birthday 2016 Honours list.

If you would like to nominate someone, but would like a bit of help to do so, there are free workshops in London that cover the Honours Process and how to draft a citation. Anyone involved in making honours nominations is welcome. Please contact [Julian.Matthews@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Julian.Matthews@communities.gsi.gov.uk) for more information if you would like to attend.

You can also find out how to submit your citations on the gov.uk website.

*Source: Steven Lugg, Chief Executive, HALC*

### **Communications Update**

After a 3 month trial PCPG unfortunately has chosen not to continue with our Member Offer Portal. The Hampshire ALC [Member Offer](#) page has been restored to its original format with the addition of 3 suppliers which have decided to continue with the offers until their respective expiry dates.

If you have any questions please contact me on [michelle.leadbitter@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.leadbitter@eastleigh.gov.uk).

*Source: Michelle Leadbitter, Communications Officer, HALC*





### Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth – 14 March 2016

9 March this year marked Commonwealth Day 2015. Over 750 Commonwealth flags were raised together at 10am that morning by local authorities (including 191 town councils) and a small number of others, throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and the Commonwealth, with His Excellency Kamallesh Sharma, Commonwealth secretary-general, raising the final flag outside the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey, London, before attending the annual Commonwealth Observance there that day.

This was the largest, single, raising of the Commonwealth flag in the history of the Commonwealth, which bodes well for the future, especially as this event is to become an annual occasion growing in size and stature over the next few years, involving the countries and communities of all the other 52 Commonwealth countries on Commonwealth Day each year, (which always falls on the second Monday in March).

I have pleasure therefore, in asking all local (parish and town) councils, to download the 2016 Guide To Taking Part from the [Fly a Flag](#) website, and would like to encourage your participation in this unique, annual occasion, that will bring the communities and countries of the Commonwealth together in a common celebration of this great family of nations, its diverse cultures and communities.

Please go to page 5 of the guide to enable you to see how you can take part, and where to obtain your 90' x 54' Commonwealth flag for the 14 March 2016. (Once used, the flag can be stored away in readiness for Commonwealth Day 2017 and beyond, so please look upon the purchase of the Commonwealth flag as an investment for the future).

Your flag could either be raised by your mayor, chairman of the council, or you may wish to invite a young person from a local school to raise it on your behalf, especially as the youth of the Commonwealth are the future of the Commonwealth.

It is important that those taking part, should complete the online registration form found at [Fly a Flag](#) by no later than the 29 January 2016 to ensure your involvement is registered to enable the public and media alike, to attend your flag raising ceremony on the morning of the 14 March 2016. (Those that have taken part previously do not have to re-register their involvement unless the town or parish clerk has changed).

*Source: Cllr Ken Browse, Chairman, NALC*



## Events



### Annual General Meeting 2015

#### **To all Member Council Chairmen [including parish meetings]**

This is the calling notice, with an attendance booking form attached for council action, for the AGM 2015, to be held on 10th October 2015, from 9.00-13.00 at Wessex Conference Centre, Sparsholt.

On behalf of the Chair of the ALC, Cllr Anne Winstanley; I write to ask all member councils to consider sending at least one delegate to your AGM. The AGM tries to be informative but inclusive, and of added value to all those who attend – amongst the decisions to be made is the level of affiliation fees for 2016-17. Those who attend decide upon those affiliation fee levels, and so it is important that your council is represented in our democratic member-led association.

Even if you offer a nil return, please do let us know about your attendance.

Many thanks for your support in this important matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Steven Lugg, CE of Hampshire ALC

Please download your booking form [here](#)

*Source: Steven Lugg, Chief Executive, HALC*



## Events



### **Making the most of mineral resources and protecting strategic minerals and waste infrastructure**

#### ***What do we want?***

Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council, New Forest National Park Authority (Hampshire's Minerals & Waste Planning Authorities) would like to assist in planning for new development across the county by highlighting the importance of minerals and waste safeguarding by:

- Providing clear and concise guidance for local planning authorities;
- Ensuring safeguarding is not seen as an obstacle to delivering housing and employment development or as an additional burden to local planning authorities;
- Facilitating discussions with developers on relevant sites;
- Highlighting the benefits of safeguarding to delivering sustainable development.

#### ***Why do we want it?***

The Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan was adopted in 2013 and contains policies on safeguarding mineral resources as well as minerals and waste infrastructure. This places a requirement on local planning authorities to have regard to the safeguarding in plan making and decision taking. Hampshire's Minerals & Waste Planning Authorities would like to help in this process.

#### ***How will we get it?***

To achieve these outcomes, we would like to invite you to our 'Minerals and Waste Safeguarding' Event on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015**. The event takes place from 2pm and will be held at Hampshire County Council's offices at the Castle, Winchester. The Event forms part of our consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document is due to commence shortly.

#### ***Who do we want?***

We are inviting you to this event as you have previously been involved in minerals and waste safeguarding work in Hampshire or have been in discussion with the Hampshire Authorities on this issue.

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## Events



### *Safeguarding is relevant to:*

- local planning authorities;
- local minerals and waste operators;
- local landowners and agents;
- local consultants and developers;
- Parish or Town Councils preparing or intending to produce a Neighbourhood Plan;
- other local interested parties.

To book a place at the event, please email: [planning.policy@hants.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@hants.gov.uk) or call 01962 846591 **by 10 July 2015**.

If you need instructions on how to find the County Council offices please have a look at the following link:  
[www.hants.gov.uk/map](http://www.hants.gov.uk/map).

If you require any further information or would like to discuss the issue of safeguarding with the Minerals and Waste Policy Team, please do not hesitate to contact us using the email or telephone number provided.

Yours faithfully,

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Minerals & Waste Policy Team  
Strategic Planning  
Hampshire County Council

See HMWP Leaflet [here](#)

*Source: Minerals and Waste Policy Team, HCC*



## People and Development



<b>Information &amp; Networking Event</b>	<u>The Latest on Transparency and Openness</u>	06 July 2015
<b>Councillor Development</b>	<u>The Knowledge (Part 1 of 2)</u>	07 July 2015
<b>Information &amp; Networking Event</b>	<u>Local Government Boundary Commission for England Meeting</u>	08 July 2015
<b>Councillor Development</b>	<u>The Knowledge (Part 1 of 2)</u>	09 July 2015
<b>Officer Development</b>	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 2 of 2)</u>	15 July 2015
<b>Councillor Development</b>	<u>Core Skills (Part 2 of 2)</u>	30 July 2015
<b>Councillor Development</b>	<u>The Knowledge &amp; Core Skills (Parts 1 &amp; 2)</u>	04 August 2015
<b>Councillor Development</b>	<u>Core Skills (Part 2 of 2)</u>	13 August 2015
<b>Development For All</b>	<u>Basic Planning for Parish Councils</u>	10 September 2015
<b>Councillor Development</b>	<u>The Knowledge &amp; Core Skills (Parts 1 &amp; 2)</u>	16 September 2015
<b>Officer Development</b>	<u>Local Council Finance for Clerks</u>	17 September 2015
<b>Officer Development</b>	<u>What You Need to Know (Part 1 of 2)</u>	21 September 2015
<b>Officer Development</b>	<u>Minute Taking</u>	23 September 2015

**For further information on all the above training and events, please see our new look website:**

[http://www.hampshire-alc.gov.uk/Learning\\_Development/training-and-events-online-directory.aspx](http://www.hampshire-alc.gov.uk/Learning_Development/training-and-events-online-directory.aspx)

To book now please complete a booking form or email Sue Ramage – [sue.ramage@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:sue.ramage@eastleigh.gov.uk).

When making a booking, please specify the delegate name, parish council and personal contact number of the delegate (in case emergency contact needs to be made on the day of the event), as well as any mobility or dietary issues which you think the organisers of the event may need to know about.

By submitting a booking you are agreeing to the LCPD Training & Events Terms & Conditions, which can be found on pages 2 and 3 of the booking form. Alternatively an up to date version can be found at:

[www.hampshire-alc.gov.uk/Learning\\_Development/training-and-events-terms-and-conditions.aspx](http://www.hampshire-alc.gov.uk/Learning_Development/training-and-events-terms-and-conditions.aspx).

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