









Hampshire Association of Local Councils e-Update

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

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Dear Member,

As Councils hit year-end, we know RFOs will be very busy finishing off the year's accounts, preparing for audit, and then for the submission of the Annual Return. The Practitioner's Guide, Governance and Accountability 2018 has been published and is available on our website.

I have written separately about GDPR elsewhere, but we await the Data Protection Bill currently progressing through Parliament, to become an Act, thus hopefully clarifying the issues around GDPR. Do read NALC's toolkit which is again available on our website.

As regards those council officers whom are on 'Green Book terms and conditions' the GMB announced that its members voted 94 per cent in favour to accept the National Employers' LGS 2018-20 pay offer. Following meetings of Unite and UNISON the National Employers are meeting on Tuesday 10th April to further consider their response to pay claims received in respect of Chief Executives, Chief Officers and Craft workers. If all three unions accept the offer then details confirming the pay award will follow shortly thereafter. We will let you know what happens after 10th April.

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Annual Conference. Our new President John Denham FRSA was a great success talking about English Identity, and we look forward to hearing more from him in the future. Salix Finance were also very interesting, highlighting the exciting opportunities for interest-free loans to support energy efficiency, with no need for up-front payments.

Kind Regards,

Steven



Latest from the Pitch



New Active Lives figures show nation's activity levels

Latest figures from our Active Lives Adult Survey show 27.7 million people – 61.8% of the 16+ population in England – are active.

That means they meet the Chief Medical Officer's guidelines and do at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity each week – gaining health benefits including a reduced risk of dementia, depression, diabetes, and improved mental wellbeing.

At the other end of the scale, 11.5m people (25.7%) are inactive, meaning they do less than 30 minutes of physical activity a week.

The results, which are based on a sample of almost 200,000 survey respondents, show that activity levels in England are stable.

Activity Choices

Figures also show how people are choosing to be active.

Walking remains the most popular activity, with 18.6m people walking for leisure. There are 14.5m people who walk for travel – an increase of 423,000.

A striking feature of the data is a significant increase of 518,000 more people doing interval training sessions, such as high-intensity interval training classes.

In contrast, swimming and cycling have both decreased in popularity, with almost 283,000 fewer people



Adventure sports has enjoyed a boost in popularity, with 337,000 more people taking part in activities such as hill and mountain walking, rock climbing, abseiling, orienteering, or high ropes.

Long-term Task

Figures also show the gap in activity levels between the higher and lower socio-economic groups has stabilised, although people on lower incomes and disabled people are still much less likely to be active enough to benefit their health.

Older people are getting more active, with the number of 55-74 year olds meeting the 150 minutes threshold increasing by 1.3%, to 58.3%.

Jennie Price, our chief executive, said: "While the overall activity levels of the nation are stable, what people are choosing to do is moving with the times.

"The figures also show the huge importance of investing to tackle inactivity and the inequalities between different groups in society, which was highlighted in the Government's strategy Sporting Future. It's why Sport England's 2017-21 strategy has, for the first time, allocated 25% of its investment to tackling inactivity.

"This is a long-term task, but it could not be more important."

[Read the Report](#)





Government commits to further support for neighbourhood planning

More communities across England will be able to get free access to expert advice and guidance to help make their neighbourhood vision a reality.

Published 19 March 2018

From: [Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government](#) and [Dominic Raab MP](#)

More communities across England will be able to get free access to expert advice and guidance to help make their neighbourhood vision a reality, Housing Minister Dominic Raab announced today (19 March 2018).



A £23 million fund – being delivered by Locality and Groundwork – will help local groups to develop a neighbourhood plan. These plans give local people a say in the development of their area, including where homes, schools and businesses should be built, how they should look and what infrastructure is needed to support them.

Community groups will be able to access a range of free help including financial support and latest planning expertise from trained professionals, to guide them through the process of preparing a neighbourhood plan.

Housing and Planning Minister Dominic Raab said:

Neighbourhood plans are a powerful tool to help communities shape their local area, making sure the right homes are built in the right places.

It's vital that communities have the right support and advice available to help deliver a plan that meets their





own ambitious aspirations. That's why I'm making £23 million available that will help more groups to do this.

Over 2,300 communities across England have started the process of neighbourhood planning, with 530 plans approved in local referendums.

Previous government support has helped around 7 out of 10 of these communities progress their plans, with 365 neighbourhood plans finalised using support provided by the government.

The maximum grant available has also been increased by £2,000 to £17,000, helping communities to access more resources to develop a plan for their area.

Community groups can find out more information about how to apply for funding via a new website at www.neighbourhoodplanning.org. Applications to bid for funding will open on 3 April 2018.

Further notes

Locality and Groundwork UK were appointed to oversee the fund following a full and transparent procurement process.

Locality will use its expertise, skills and track record advising on development to help communities to reach the full potential of their neighbourhood plan from start to finish.

Their dedicated website will provide clear information on neighbourhood planning and signpost to highly qualified specialists from a range of organisations, including design and engineering professionals at AECOM and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Groundwork UK has been appointed to administer application process for grant funding, ensuring finance is available for groups to cover the costs associated with producing a successful neighbourhood plan.

Office address and general enquiries:

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War Memorial News - How will we remember them?

The Imperial War Museum is delighted to announce the search facility enabling the public to search for over 1 million names on war memorials is now live. The [War Memorials Register](#) is the national register of UK war memorials and the names of the individuals they commemorate. It currently holds records for over 70,000 memorials in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

The register now displays the names of individuals commemorated on war memorials and anyone can search the database, which now includes over 1 million names on war memorials recorded by surname, location etc. You can search [here](#) for your relatives or anyone you might be doing a research project on.

Join this important project by volunteering your time and help the IWM to improve the Register so that future generations can continue to value and remember the people, places and events memorials commemorate.

Contact IWM for more information on how you can make a difference and volunteer at memorials@iwm.org.uk



Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline Project

We are writing to inform you of the launch of a non-statutory public consultation for our Southampton to London Pipeline Project. The consultation period begins on 19th March 2018 and ends on 30th April 2018, lasting for a period of six weeks.

In December 2017 Esso Petroleum Company, Limited ("Esso") began to talk publicly about our intention to replace 90km of our 105km aviation fuel pipeline that runs from our Fawley Refinery near Southampton to our West London Terminal storage facility in Hounslow. This initial consultation will help us select the preferred corridor for the replacement pipeline.

We recognise that individuals, communities, representatives and organisations have an important role to play in contributing to the development of our proposals. This is why we are undertaking the first of two consultations to seek views on our early replacement pipeline proposals. Both consultations will take place before we seek permission to replace the pipeline.

You can have your say on the project at www.slpproject.co.uk – this is the fastest way to take part in this consultation.

Please find attached a copy of the consultation brochure, which is being distributed to people who live near or own land near to the consultation corridors, and to libraries and other community hubs nearby. All information related to this consultation can be found at www.slpproject.co.uk.

We have arranged a programme of exhibitions near to the proposed pipeline corridors. These exhibitions will enable local communities to meet members of the project team and to raise any questions they may have about the project: SLP Project 1180 Eskdale Road Winnersh Wokingham RG41 5TU Telephone +44 (0) 7925 068905 info@slpproject.co.uk

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[Link to Consultation Brochure](#)

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Exhibition Programme

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Tuesday 27th March	1400-2000	Byfleet	St Mary's Centre for the Community, Stream Close, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7LZ
Thursday 29th March	1400-2000	Alton	Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HN
Tuesday 3rd April	1400-2000	Ashford	Ashford Community Centre, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3NJ
Friday 6th April	1400-2000	Chobham	Chobham Village Hall, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AQ
Saturday 7th April	1100-1700	Wrecclesham	The Wrecclesham Community Centre, Greenfield Road, Wrecclesham, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 8TJ
Monday 9th April	1400-2000	Addlestone and Chertsey	Chertsey Hall, Heriot Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 9DR
Tuesday 10th April	1400-2000	Frimley	Lakeside Country Club, The Lakeside Complex, Wharf Road, Frimley Green, Surrey GU16 6PT
Wednesday 11th April	1400-2000	Ropley	Ropley Parish Hall, Vicarage Lane, Ropley, Alresford, SO24 0DU
Thursday 12th April	1100-1700	Worplesdon	Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3RF
Wednesday 18th April	1400-2000	Church Crookham	Church Crookham Baptist Church, 64 Basingbourne Road, Fleet, GU52 6TH
Friday 20th April	1400-2000	Bishop's Waltham	Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishop's Waltham, Southampton SO32 1ED

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Training Schedule 2018

Qualification Preparation	CiLCA Portfolio 4	17 April 2018
Officer Development	Local Council Finance for Officers	17 April 2018
Development For All	Overview of changes to Data Protection Legislation	19 April 2018
Development For All	First Aid - HSE approved	25 April 2018
Development For All	Basic Planning for Parish Councils	02 May 2018
Councillor Development	The Knowledge & Core Skills (Parts 1 & 2)	23 May 2018
Officer Development	What You Need to Know (Part 1 of 2)	20 June 2018
Councillor Development	Local Council Finance for Councillors	21 June 2018
Information & Networking Event	Officers Update	27 June 2018

Please book online or email Sue Ramage – 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 our website at www.hampshirealc.org.uk/pagedetail?id=263

Source: Susan Ramage, Business Support Officer, HALC sue.ramage@eastleigh.gov.uk

NALC Legal Briefings

L03-18	Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2018-2019	April 2018
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