

## Norfolk ALC Newsletter – 3 June 2016

### County Officer Update

Congratulations to Janet Holdom, Fakenham Town Council, on being appointed Chair of Norfolk ALC at today's Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee currently has two vacancies. If you are a councillor on a Parish or Town Council, in membership of Norfolk ALC, in South Norfolk or West Norfolk, and you would be interested in putting your name forward, please contact [countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk](mailto:countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk).

### Area Meetings

Places are still available at the South Norfolk Area Meeting. To book your place, please contact [countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk](mailto:countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk)

Topics will include localism, Community Infrastructure Levy and how the National Association of Local Councils works with the Norfolk Association of Local Councils to the benefit of members.

### Good Councillor's Guides

The Good Councillor's Guide 2016 is available from us at a cost of £2.50 + p&p. To order, please contact [countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk](mailto:countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk)

### Devolution Briefings

There has been much national and local media coverage of the East Anglia devolution deal since it was announced by Chancellor George Osborne in his March budget. The agenda is fast paced and changing, with the prospect of significant new money and decision making powers for the region. With this in mind, Norfolk County Council will be hosting two information sessions on the following dates:

- **Dereham**, Dereham Town Football Club (Aldiss Park), Norwich Road, Dereham NR20 3AL, **16 June** 2016, 6.30-8pm
- **Norwich**, Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, NR1 2DH, The Edwards Rm, **22 June** 2016, 6.30-8pm

To book your place, please contact: [countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk](mailto:countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk)

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about devolution, please go to [www.eastangliadevo.co.uk](http://www.eastangliadevo.co.uk), which includes an explanation of what devolution is and the answers to some frequently asked questions.

### Conferences/Seminars

For conference/seminar bookings: <http://norfolcalc.gov.uk/events/>

28 July 2016, Summer Employment Seminar – topics will include Employment Contracts; Pay/Sick Pay; Working Time/Holidays; Notice; Dismissal (in its various forms); Discipline; Grievances; Discrimination; Retirement; Family Friendly Rights; Recruitment and Facilitated Conversations.

### Online Payments

You can now book and pay for briefings and conferences via the website.

### **Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities**

If your Council has a turnover of less than £25,000, it will have been complying with the Transparency Code since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. If the Code is unfamiliar to you, or you are unsure about compliance, please book onto one of our upcoming Transparency Code training sessions. Check the Training Calendar for more information <http://norfolcalc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/calendar.pdf>

### **Council of the Week**

The National Association of Local Councils celebrates the work of councils through its [Council of the week](#). Each week, the exemplary work of a local (parish or town) council in England is shared on their website, showcasing the members' achievements to a national audience, whilst inspiring good practice amongst others.

To be considered for the National Association's Council of the Week, all you have to do is fill out the simple [nomination form](#) and send it with your high-resolution image to [cotw@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:cotw@nalc.gov.uk).

All Council of the Week submissions will automatically be entered into the prestigious Council of the Year category of NALC Star Council 2016 awards.

### **Norfolk Association of Local Councils – Training Update**

All details are on the website: <http://norfolcalc.gov.uk/training/>

### **Norfolk Parishes Websites**

If you would like help with your Norfolk Parishes website, or if your Council doesn't have a free Norfolk Parishes website, and would like one, please contact Helen Carrier, IT Consultant, at [it@norfolcalc.gov.uk](mailto:it@norfolcalc.gov.uk)

### **Parish Clerk Vacancies**

If your Council has a staff vacancy and you would like to have a free advert on the Norfolk ALC website, please send a copy of the advert (including closing date) to [countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk](mailto:countyofficer@norfolcalc.gov.uk)

More information is available at <http://norfolcalc.gov.uk/category/vacancies/>

If your Council has filled a vacancy please email [it@norfolcalc.gov.uk](mailto:it@norfolcalc.gov.uk) so the website can be updated.



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