

**Motions for the DAPTC AGM on 14 November 2020**

**Motion 1: Submitted by: Beaminster & Bridport Town Councils**

Beaminster and Bridport Town Councils would like DAPTC to request NALC to lobby Government to act with due urgency to update both the NPPF and Supplementary Planning Guidance, to assist all councils to deliver their respective Climate and Environmental Change strategies.

We believe that Planning will be a key driver to enable local authorities to deliver their climate mitigation obligations, and once appropriately updated, NPPF and supplementary guidance, will be a powerful tool to reduce our carbon footprint and also facilitate local communities to be effective through their Neighbourhood Plans.

Legislation is required:-

1. To ensure that energy efficiency and sustainable building materials are included as standard requirements within both private and business development. They should not necessarily be vetoed automatically in Listed Building and Conservation Areas as so often happens currently.
2. To ensure that the default policy of Planning Authorities should be for renewable energy generation from wind, water and solar to be accepted as a positive contribution of the community's desire to de-carbonise their built environment.
3. To ensure that Listed Buildings, whether in Conservation Areas and AONBs or not, should be equally entitled to benefit from the addition of energy conservation and generation assets.

**Motion 2: Submitted by: Bridport Town Council**

Bridport Town Council notes that:

- a. Government departments, businesses, individuals, charitable organisations and principal local authorities have all seen specific funding support.
- b. Town and Parish Councils are arguably the only sector of society not to have received some form of direct government support.
- c. Those councils in tourist areas like Dorset are suffering not only more costs in adapting to the regulations to protect our society and organising community support networks, but also from loss of revenue from the restriction of visitors.

Bridport Town Council requests that Her Majesty's Government recognises that:

- a. Town and Parish Councils are expected to rely on business income to supplement their precept revenue and, in the light of disappearing subsidies from higher authorities, are suffering financially during the present crisis.

b. In many areas of our delivery of services and community support, we are no different from small businesses which currently are eligible for grants, loans and rate & tax reliefs to mitigate those financial shortfalls.

Bridport Town Council therefore calls on Her Majesty's Government to:

a. Ensure that affected Town and Parish Councils are given financial support during and beyond the present crisis.

Motion 3: Submitted by: Corfe Castle Parish Council

Corfe Council Parish Council propose that DAPTC urge NALC to lobby the Government to make Town and Parish Councils (T&PCs) statutory consultees for all planning applications within their council areas thereby ensuring T&PCs' comments are given greater weight.

They appreciate that Langton Matravers Parish Council have previously submitted this proposal and wish to add weight to their motion by resubmitting it.

Motion 4: Submitted by: Loders Parish Council

That the DAPTC takes the necessary measures to make sure it is accurately representing Parish Councils' views, concerns and issues in relation to the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency.

And makes these measures clear to its membership.

Motion 5: Submitted by: Studland Parish Council

The parish and town councils throughout Dorset strongly object to the loss of local democracy outlined in the proposals contained in the White paper on Planning. Parish and Town Councils wish to retain the ability to participate in planning matters so as to reflect the views of the residents that they represent.

The Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) , as the representative body for local councils, demand that there should be no loss of democratic contributions to the planning process.

In support of this demand;

a) The DAPTC urge Dorset Council to support the position of the Local Government Association on the proposed loss of democracy.

b) The DAPTC urge NALC to work with others to lobby government to withdraw those proposals that remove local democratic contributions to the planning process.

c) The DAPTC lobby all eight Dorset MPs over the proposed loss of democracy.

## **Standards in Public Life**

**IMPORTANT** – please bring this to the attention of your Chair and Council members and note the response timescale.

Many thanks

**Neil**

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## **Message from NALC**

Dear colleagues,

The Committee on Standards in Public Life has recently launched a consultation as part of its review into the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct. The terms of reference of the review are to:

- review the evidence as to how well ethical standards are upheld in public life in the UK
- review the evidence on the strength of the UK's arrangements for regulating and promoting ethical standards
- review the adequacy and continuing relevance of the Seven Principles of Public Life,
- identify examples of best practice in the regulation of ethical standards
- identify examples of best practice in the promotion of cultures that celebrate and encourage high ethical standards.

The main consultation document is available [here](#).

## **Responses**

Please email your responses to this consultation to [policycomms@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:policycomms@nalc.gov.uk) by 17.00 on 4 December 2020. County associations are asked to forward this email onto all member local (parish and town) councils in their area.

Kind Regards,

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