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Chief executive's bulletin

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NALC partners with GoCollaborate

We're delighted to announce [we've partnered with GoCollaborate](#), a ground-breaking digital platform transforming how communities and generations work together. They have developed an innovative participatory online community engagement platform, tailored consultation support and helped local (parish and town) councils achieve inclusive public engagement. Local councils use their online community engagement platform to develop their neighbourhood plans and apply for levelling up funding opportunities to create prosperous and sustainable communities. Please [find out more](#) about our new partners.

NALC seeks writers for its Good Councillor's guide series

[NALC is updating The Good Councillor's guide!](#) An essential guide for new councillors, those thinking about becoming a councillor and long-established councillors. We are looking for an individual to work freelance to lead the update of this guide. The right person for this work will have a good knowledge of how local councils operate, and in particular, a strong understanding of the role of a local councillor and a passion for helping councillors in their roles. We're committed to finding someone to work on the guide and other resources over a more extended period, and we'll provide training and support to build knowledge and confidence. So, if you're interested in this opportunity and would like an informal discussion, please email NALC at charlotte.eisenhart@nalc.gov.uk or [complete the form](#) by 1 June 2023 to submit your interest.

Join our Local Council Award Scheme panel

We're looking for experienced councillors and clerks to join the national accreditation panel for the [Local Council Award Scheme](#). We are incredibly grateful for the time and energy that panel members give to the scheme, which means that local councils across England can take part in this initiative. Suppose you are keen to hone your knowledge and experience of local council practice, interested in seeing how other councils operate and offering them feedback to help improve, and excited about working with other councillors and clerks. In that case, I'd

encourage you to [register your interest](#) in joining the national panel.

Infrastructure Levy call for evidence

You may be aware the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) have [issued a consultation](#) on the Infrastructure Levy to inform the design of the Levy and of regulations that will set out its operation in detail. The Infrastructure Levy is a reform to the existing system of developer contributions – Section 106 planning obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy in England. We will respond to the consultation and want your views on the consultation questions. Please send your opinions to NALC at chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 19 May 2023.

On the blog: Policy Committee

[This week's blog](#) is from NALC's [Policy Committee](#) chair, Cllr David Francis, who writes about how co-options can be a positive tool for local councils when used responsibly and creatively. Having a mix of councillors from various backgrounds is particularly beneficial for local councils. The blog outlines the process for co-opting a councillor that your local council can follow.

Local Council Award Scheme

Just a quick reminder that the next deadline for applications to the national panel of the Local Council Award Scheme is 5 May 2023 (4 pm). The scheme celebrates the success of local councils and accredits councils at Foundation, Quality and Quality Gold levels. It also provides a framework for councils looking to show they meet the standards set by the sector and for continuous improvement. To learn more about the scheme, [visit our website](#) or [contact your county association](#).

And finally...

Congratulations to Wem Town Council, Cleobury Mortimer Town Council and Bishop's Castle Town Council, who were recently awarded grant funding from Shropshire Council to support projects that enrich the opportunities for young people in their community and activities for children and families. The remaining pot of grant funding is £105,000, Shropshire Council have written to local councils on how they can bid for up to £25,000 for additional activity in their communities to support the health and wellbeing of the children, young people and families.

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