

2017 AGM Motions – News from NALC

Three of the four motions from the 2017 AGM have been considered by the NALC Policy Committee and the Committee Chairman has written a letter with the decisions.

The following motion was not considered by the Committee as NALC already has a corporate position on this and is monitoring progress on this matter with the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG).

“DAPTC asks NALC to strongly request that the DCLG revisits the consultation on Parish Polls which was carried out from 4 December 2014 to 30 January 2015 but never acted upon, and to amend the current legislation governing Parish Polls. The consultation sought the views of the public, local authorities and the parish sector on:

- The trigger (the number or proportion of electors required to demand a poll)
- The voting arrangements for parish polls
- The questions on which a poll can be held
- Consequential related matters”

NALC Chief Executive reported that: “Having successfully secured government support to change parish poll rules, I’ve been as frustrated as anyone that the necessary regulations are yet to be laid before Parliament. We have continued to press this issue and official recently confirmed our understanding that Parliamentary time is limited due to the amount of legislative slots needed for Brexit related business. Officials had included regulations in plans for this session, but only the latter made the priority list at this time. However ministers have agreed to press ahead with them as soon as parliamentary time allows and they hope to be able to resume work on implementation later in the year”.

The latest update from NALC on 3 October 2018 is that MHCLG informed NALC that there would possibly be parliamentary time for making/laying and passing the June 2015 updated regulations on this matter in 2018, but so far this has not transpired. NALC undertook to inform DAPTC of any developments.