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## EXTRAORDINARY CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S CIRCULAR

### **NALC ACTION ON GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)**

#### **Moves to remove need for a Data Protection Officer**

Our national association has been lobbying hard for proportionate GDPR requirements that work for local councils especially for small councils and parish meetings. In particular, NALC has been in discussions with the Government over the requirement for a Data Protection Officer.

The Government has tabled an amendment to its own Data Protection Bill to exempt all parish and town councils and parish meetings in England and community and town councils in Wales from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) under the General Data Protection Regulation. MPs accepted the Government amendment which now must be considered by the House of Lords. NALC do not expect this amendment to be reversed.

We will of course keep you updated but it is vital that councils continue to prepare for compliance with the rest of the GDPR requirements as set out in NALC's GDPR toolkit and numerous legal briefings which are available in the members area of the NALC [website](#). Once the Bill has received Royal Assent, NALC will be reviewing and updating as necessary the toolkit, legal briefings and model standing orders.

For details on the NALC password and user id, please refer your clerk to the DAPTC website and look up the Legal Topic Notes section.

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