

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Rutland Parish/Town Council,

Hopefully you attended the parish liaison meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September. If you did, you'll have discussed and approved the partnership proposed between Rutland County Council (RCC) and Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC).

If you didn't attend, briefly, RCC and LRALC will work together to relaunch RCC's parish liaison events using a new format. The new structure will bring six meetings each year, a sizeable resource commitment by RCC which reflects its desire to build and strengthen its working relationship with its parishes. One of LRALC's roles is to work with Rutland parishes to help identify and bring forward issues from its member councils in Rutland for these meetings. Parishes will be able to submit items for consideration directly to LRALC.

The plan for the meetings to be held is below, with provisional dates identified in each case.

### **Clerks' Operational Meetings**

These meetings are specifically for clerks. The agenda will focus on operational matters which impact on parish/town councils.

All held via Zoom, 1-2:30pm. Meetings to be recorded and available to stream on demand.

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### **Parish Liaison Meetings**

These meetings are for Chairs and Clerks but if numbers allow will be open to interested councillors from Rutland parishes. The liaison meetings are intended to discuss and share information on issues of joint concern and interest to RCC and parishes in the district. LRALC will provide sector updates at these meetings.

All held in the Council Chamber, Rutland County Council, Wednesdays 7-9pm

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Agenda attached to include Local Plan Regulation 18.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The meetings will have no charge to attend, but we'd like you to book places in advance so that we know who will be joining us. Use our usual booking form for this [Booking Form | Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils \(leicestershireandrutlandalc.gov.uk\)](#)

The agenda for the first meeting will focus on the Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. Representatives are not expected to provide a response at this meeting but will be encouraged to take the information back to their own councils.

The new formats for the Parish Liaison and Clerks' meetings are intended to develop a collaborative approach between RCC and parishes for the benefit of people who live, work and visit the area. Please get involved with the new meetings. We are sure that you will find them useful, focussed, and interesting. We believe we have taken the best parts of previous RCC liaison meetings and mixed them with our existing best practice from across Leicestershire and beyond to create an entirely new format of meetings for our work together.

Kind regards,

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