

West Rainton Parish Council - 15 September 2016

Item 13: Learning and Development

The County Durham Association of Local Councils has the following opportunities scheduled:

14 October 2016

Meeting with local MP's and a workshop from the Parliamentary Outreach Team. (FREE)

The aim is to foster good working relationships between councils and local MP's and to provide an opportunity for the parish council sector to raise issues and speak with local MP's. The session will also raise the profile of the County Durham Association of Local Councils as a body with local MP's.

Four local MP's are available on the day (Pat Glass, Helen Goodman, Kevan Jones and Grahame Morris).

The meeting will be held in **The Glebe Centre, Durham Place, Murton, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 9BX starting at around 9:00** with tea and coffee. This will give you an hour to network and chat before, at 10:00, we launch into an "Influencing and Engaging" Workshop provided by Lynn Hobson from the Parliamentary Outreach Team for the North East, Yorkshire and the Humber.

This session is expected to take approximately two hours and finish around 12:00 when lunch will kindly be provided by Murton Parish Council. MP's will be invited to participate in the workshop.

Following lunch there will be a question and answer session with our local MP's so please start thinking of pertinent questions. We hope to finish by around 15:00.

This event will be open to all councils and you are invited to initially send two representatives to attend. Please make sure your council takes this opportunity to meet with local MP's and to find out more about how you can influence and engage with Parliament.

26 October 2016: 6.00 pm County Hall, Durham (FREE)

Local Council Award Scheme

How to complete your application including what you need to include.

February 2017 - date TBC (£27.00/delegate)

Purdah: Everything you need to know. (Primarily for Councillors)

1 March 2017: 6.00 pm County Hall, Durham (£27.00 /delegate)

Get ready for the elections in May!

Everything you need to know about elections, induction of new councillors etc.

(Primarily for Clerks)

G Keedy, Project Officer 13 Sept 16