

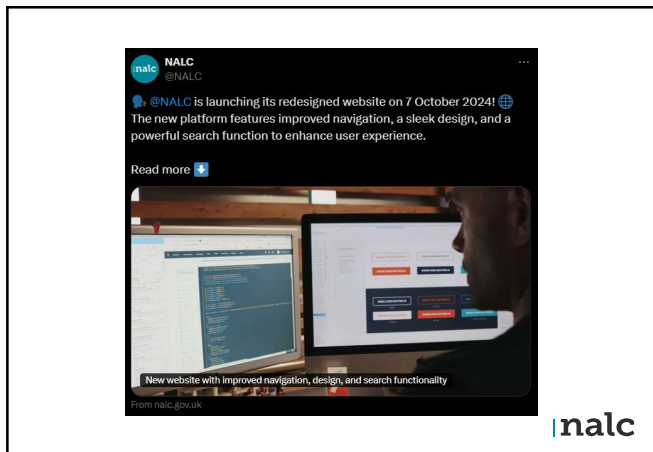


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THE NALC YEAR – SOME HIGHLIGHTS

- Levelling up and regeneration Act – cross party support for letting councils decide whether they meet remotely or not, strong call for action on standards, clarification of funding of churches
- Successful Parliamentary reception and star councils awards
- Extension of £150m community ownership fund to local councils and great take-up by sector
- Model financial regulations, employment contract and HR resources, Good Councillor Guide
- Cabinet office support and funding for .gov domains
- Programme of events and networks including new micro-councils network
- White Ribbon and cyber security accreditations

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THE YEAR OF ELECTIONS!

Half the world, 4 billion people cast their vote this year – our democratic mandate is central to the case we make and we're part of this huge movement.

UK General Election July 2024

- Labour 412 (+211)
- Conservative 121 (-251), Liberal Democrat 72 (+64), Green 4 (+3), Reform 5 (+5)
- 336 new MPs!
- New Labour government
- Angela Rayner, deputy prime minister at renamed Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

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LABOUR MANIFESTO

- Missions: economic growth, clean energy superpower, take back our streets, break down barriers to opportunity, build an NHS fit for the future
- Planning reform: housing numbers, green/grey belt, onshore wind, new towns, strategic planning, planning officers
- Finance and audit: replace business rates system, multi-year funding settlements, end wasteful competitive bidding, overhaul the audit system
- Devolution: transfer power out of Westminster, devolving power to communities, legislation to take back control
- Standards: new Independent Ethics and Integrity Commission
- Community safety: Martyn's Law

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NALC NEXT STEPS

- Engage with new ministers (re-engage with officials)
- Positive early signs including enthusiasm for engagement, looking at remote meetings, audit changes and neighbourhood planning
- Commission external public affairs agency to help engage with new MPs etc.
- Parliamentary president and vice-president and All-Party Parliamentary Group on local democracy
- Political party conferences in Autumn 2024
- Seek to influence relevant Bills in King's Speech (40c bills)
- Parliamentary reception in February 2025 and Star Council awards

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UK security and counter-terrorism**Martyn's law to require terror safety plans at venues with 200-plus capacity**

Bill is laid before parliament after years of campaigning by mother of Manchester Arena bombing victim

Rajeev Syal *Home affairs editor*

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Pubs and clubs that can hold 200 people could be fined £10,000 if the owners fail to comply with a new law that is meant to protect against terror attacks.

Martyn's law, otherwise known as the terrorism (protection of premises

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NALC NEXT STEPS –WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Mobilising county associations and local councils, including:
 - councils and county associations encouraged to get to know their MPs
 - put engaging with MPs on your county association agenda and tell them the brilliant work councils do
 - councils encouraged to write a letter of congratulations to the newly elected MP in their area and invite them to a meeting or event and tell them what you do!
 - councils invited to include MP details in their newsletters and communications

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NALC CAMPAIGNS

- Civility and respect
- Climate change
- Create a councils
- Elections – make a change
- Health and wellbeing
- Young people
- Banking

Community safety

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COMMUNITY SAFETY

- How do we define community safety?
- What is the role of local councils in community safety?
- What initiatives are county associations already taking on community safety?
- Examples of what local councils are already doing to improve community safety in their area?

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SOME THANKS!

- To all the councillors and clerks for the work they do supporting their communities
- To county associations, county officers and teams; and their office holders for helping NALC and local councils
- To your county association representatives on our national assembly and committees.

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