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# Funding for neighbourhood plans another spectacular NALC failure

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Last week saw the governments announcement of £9.5 million funding over 2 years for communities to produce neighbourhood plans.

This announcement was stunning for 2 reasons.

Firstly there was not one mention in the announcement of parish, town or local councils yet in areas which have a town or parish council it is the council's responsibility to lead the neighbourhood planning process!

Secondly one would think that NALC would be perfectly positioned to partner the management of the process. Yet...

**“The contract to deliver the new programme has**

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been awarded to Locality, in partnership with the Royal Town Planning Institute, Planning Aid England, the Community Development Foundation, Urban Vision Enterprise, Eden Project and URS.”

Source: DCLG

The scale of NALC's failure in this instance is spectacular. Either the government has written off Town and Parish Councils along with NALC or NALC spectacularly failed to get a seat at the table as government has apparently no faith in it's ability to deliver.

Given the Government's intention to make it easier to parish urban areas the scale of NALC's failure is jaw dropping.

This failure could not come at a worse time for NALC, county association affiliation fees are now about to start dropping through the letterbox. These affiliation fees contain a significant hidden payment to NALC.

Ask yourself as a Councillor or Clerk...

In these hard economic times do we and our community get real value from NALC?

What value does NALC bring to the table as it is consistently ignored or overlooked by Government?

Why are we paying this failing organisation?

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