Agenda 16i)

F+OC
03/11/26

Milly Southworth

From: Julie Calleya <Julie.Calleya@cornwall.gov.uk>
Sent: 22 October 2026 06:57
To: CornwallALC Enquiries
Cc: Training Cornwall ALC
Subject: Weymouth Town Council to re-submit a Sustainable Communities Act proposal on the Dependants Carers Allowance
Attachments: Carers expenses template letter.docx

Information Classification: CONTROLLED

To All Member Councils,

NALC has asked us to share the following information with you.

Dear Colleagues.

NALC is supporting Weymouth Town Council (WTC) on work to re-submit a Sustainable Communities Act proposal on the Dependants' Carers' Allowance to Government by end this year.

Weymouth Town Council Sustainable Communities Act Dependants' Carers' Allowance updated proposal

Weymouth Town Council has confirmed that it will be requesting re-submission of an amended Dependants' Carers' Allowance proposal to the Government in the next few months. Currently principal authorities have the right to make payments using this allowance to their councillors to assist them to part pay for childcare and dependants' care while those councillors attend council business such as council meetings. This same right is not currently given to parish and town councils. Back in August Weymouth Town Council (WTC) spoke to the NALC Policy Committee who were incredibly supportive and NALC Officers have advised us and guided us on the way forward. On 2nd September this year Weymouth Town Council formally agreed to appeal the government's decision (from April 2026) that this right should not be granted to parish and town councils) and the council is grateful for NALC's backing in supporting it in that. WTC is currently surveying its residents and NALC have recently surveyed all councils. The results from the WTC survey will form part of the submission from Weymouth Town Council to NALC, with a view to NALC resubmitting the proposal in December 2026. Today we are asking for your help in righting this inequality and we want to ask you to write to your MP to highlight this issue and to say that you support the forthcoming appeal. Some suggested text is contained in the attached letter template for you to fill in and send to your local MPs. Please email Jane.Biscombe@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk if your parish or town council is interested in helping with this campaign more widely.

The proposal is very highly likely to be submitted to Govt. in/by December 2026 so writing now to MPs will raise awareness with them ahead of time

Chris Borg
Policy manager

nalc

National Association of Local Councils
The Bloomsbury Building, 10 Bloomsbury Way, Holborn, London WC1A 2SL
www.nalc.gov.uk
nalc@nalc.gov.uk
020 7637 1865