

## **App 5.1 Key points from the NALC National Assembly meeting. 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

See also the agenda (app 5.2)

1. Legislation of standards and sanctions for breach of Standards. NALC expect this to be included in the Kings Speech and subsequently to proceed through parliament.
2. Audit & Governance
  - a. All members to ensure they are compliant with the new AGAR governance assertion 10.
  - b. A new practitioners guide will be issued for 2027/28. This will be a major update not just additions as in prior years.
3. NALC website. All members are advised to login to the website and use information and tool available noted:
  - a. There is a new tool to guide how to communicate with your MP's parliamentary committees. NALC officers are also available to help.
  - b. A new AI tool to find and summarise the data on the NALC website is coming soon.
4. NALC are reviewing in the context of a changes to Local Government their aims, strategies and capability to deliver over the coming months. Also to include engagement with County Associations £50K has been allocated from reserves to do this. There is also a focus on activity-based planning/budgeting. In addition to the standard zero based approach.
5. NPPF – see statement from NALC that broadly supported the Govt proposal.

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