

Extract from BDAPTC meeting 21st November 2017

4. Impact of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on parish and town councils

4.1 Martin Slatford has requested training from BDBC and HALC on the likely impact of the GDPR on parish and town councils. The problem is that, because the Bill is not yet passed (it is due to be through Parliament and take effect in May 2018) there is uncertainty around what the final Bill, and thus final requirements, will look like.

4.2 HALC are holding four workshops on the GDPR at different locations around the county. The first is on 28th November 2017 in Eastleigh. The rest are in January and February 2018.

4.3 Under the current draft of the Bill, each council will need to appoint a Data Protection Officer. There is still uncertainty around whether a clerk can be trained to undertake this role for their council. NALC have also been highlighting the financial burden to small councils of appointing a DPO to the Government. This was further emphasised by a BDAPTC member who pointed out that, with a parish of 318 residents and a precept of £5,000, the requirements of the GDPR on his council could be disproportionately onerous.

4.4 What is clear is that all councils will need to cease using private, gmail and Hotmail email accounts for their council business and will need to have separate email and website traffic.