

## MEETINGS

As you will appreciate no formal dates have been given by the Royal Communications Office or the Church of England, and thus there is nothing formal to relate.

An update will be made available on NALCs website **as and when details are released publicly**.

As was the case with Prince Philip, it will confirm our advice that s.243 of the Local Government Act 1972 excludes days of mourning for clear days calculation purposes - it is the period of notice that is affected. MHCLG's position is that the period of mourning began on X. Had the three clear days' notice for a council meeting not been completed by [X, the day the period of mourning began], the next day to be counted is [X, day after funeral/ mourning period not including Sundays etc].

Councils are not prevented from holding meetings where the relevant three clear days has been satisfied. The period of mourning does not make meetings themselves unlawful. However, we recognise that there are wider considerations than what the law permits and councils may deem it appropriate not to meet, even where they can.