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Guidance received via NALC strongly recommends that local council websites should use a .gov.uk domain. Transfer to nestontowncouncil.gov.uk will be a relatively straightforward process and any traffic to the current neston.org.uk site will be seamlessly redirected without any inconvenience to the user – ie whether the user types nestontowncouncil.gov.uk or neston.org.uk, they will automatically be taken to the correct site. Similarly, staff emails will be updated to nestontowncouncil.gov.uk and any messages to the current .org.uk email addresses will be forwarded automatically.

.gov.uk domains can only be issued by an approved registrar and several options have been considered. Domain registration can currently be sourced for an annual fee of £25+VAT. In addition, a modest amount of administration time will be needed to make the necessary arrangements and this will be undertaken by the Town Council's IT Consultant.

The Committee is requested to delegate authority to officers to arrange the initial registration of the nestontowncouncil.gov.uk domain for use as described above from budget 4306 (website) and to arrange its renewal on an annual basis thereafter.

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