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UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Communities across the United Kingdom will benefit from £2.6 billion of funding being allocated.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund will see places that need it most draw up plans this year to deliver on their local priorities, based on a conditional allocation of funding over the next three years. This could include regenerating rundown high streets, fighting anti-social behaviour and crime, or helping more people into decent jobs - helping to revive communities, tackle economic decline and reverse geographical disparities in the UK [details [here](#)].

UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - details [here](#).

Levelling Up Fund Round 2: application guidance - To support applicants with completing the application form and submitting a bid for Round 2 Levelling up Fund funding.

The Levelling Up Fund is designed to invest in infrastructure that improves everyday life across the UK. The £4.8 billion fund will support town centre and high street regeneration, local transport projects, and cultural and heritage assets.

Across, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (NI), unitary authorities (including metropolitan borough councils), London borough councils and district councils in two tier areas in England are eligible to submit bids for the second round of the Levelling Up Fund which was announced at Spring Statement 2022 [details [here](#)].

Levelling Up Fund Round 2: technical note - This technical note provides further information on eligibility and role of bidding authorities [details [here](#)].

Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

Homes for Ukraine: sharing good practice, LGA Virtual workshop Thursday 21 April, 2pm - Councils play a central role in ensuring that the Homes for Ukraine scheme is a success and are uniquely placed to support the local housing needs of new and existing communities. To support councils in their critical role in responding to the Ukraine crisis, the LGA is hosting an event to share good practice and innovative examples of administering the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities and case studies at councils to share learning in the sector. This event is for council practitioners that are responsible for carrying out housing and safeguarding checks to ensure accommodation is a suitable standard for Ukrainians arriving in Britain [details [here](#)].

EMC News

EMC Virtual Exchange, Responding to the Guidance on Living with COVID, 27 April at 10:00 –



11:30 - EMC recently circulated updated FAQs that have been developed by the LGA in

response to the Government's guidance on the current stage of the response to the pandemic - Living with Covid. Given the flexibility provided by the Government's guidance, we are offering to host a virtual Information Exchange on 27 April to enable sharing of information and approaches in relation to the COVID guidance.

We are pleased to confirm that Philip Bundy, Senior Employment Law Adviser at the LGA can join us, to help with any queries or questions you may have. For more information or to register to attend this virtual exchange for HR officers visit [here](#). If you have any particular issues or queries that you'd like to flag to be covered at the Exchange, then please email them to Sam at sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk

Participants in previous Exchanges have found them really useful and we hope that this will be equally valuable.

EMC Boards Activity

Regional Migration Board - 8 June 2022

Regional Employers' Board/Joint Council - 9 June 2022

Transport for the East Midlands – 22 June 2022

EMC Executive Board - 24 June 2022

Employers' Information

LGA Employment and skills provision survey 2021 - The survey was conducted by the Local Government Association's Research and Information team in July-August 2021 in order that a forthcoming refresh of the LGA's Work Local proposals be better informed by local authorities' views of the effectiveness of the current system [details [here](#)].

Way to Work, An Introduction for Employers - Way to Work is a new partnership between government and employers to get 500,000 jobseekers into work by the end of June 2022. This partnership will help fill record numbers of vacancies, supporting job-ready people into the labour market and helping them progress into a career. [further information [here](#)]

EMC Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Network Launch, 18 May 2022 -The network will launch on 18 May 2022 as a virtual meeting. For further information visit [here](#).

Pay and Rewards Network, 11 May 2022 - A meeting of the Pay & Rewards network will be held on 11 May 2022 at 10.30am. For more information contact Sam.Maher@emcouncils.gov.uk

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Agreement with major developers to fund building safety repairs - The government has revealed a wide-ranging agreement that will see industry contribute £5 billion to address the building safety scandal [details [here](#)].

- Major homebuilders accounting for half of new homes pledge to fix all unsafe tall buildings they have had a role in developing
 - More than £2 billion committed by over 35 developers to make buildings safe
 - Extension to the Building Safety Levy will raise a further estimated £3 billion forcing industry to pay and protecting innocent leaseholders
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Health and Social Care

Shopping for health: putting health assets into the heart of local communities - Councils have already been working hard to repurpose their town centres and respond to longer-term trends in how our high streets are used [details [here](#)]. This LGA publication includes a variety of case studies from across the country, including a case study from Leicester, a service commissioned by Leicester, Leicestershire County and Rutland councils.

EMC Events

Introduction to Neurodiversity, 22 June 2022 - In this introductory session we will be introducing you to the idea of neurodiversity, what it is, and what the common conditions are that people experience. We will also look at ways in which you can make simple adjustments to better support people and enable them to be their most effective selves. At the end of the session you should have an increased knowledge about neurodiverse conditions and the ways to best support someone.

This virtual session is suitable for anyone throughout your organisation, but is particularly useful for those working in team leading positions, learning and development teams and human resources [details [here](#)].

Simplifying Coaching - Having more transformational conversations by doing less, 7 Jun 2022 13:00 - The East Midlands Coaching Network is hosting a Coach development session on 7 June - 'Simplifying Coaching - Having more transformational conversations by doing less', with coach and author of 'Simplifying Coaching' Claire Pedrick [here](#).

Cyber Security workshop for Councillors in the East Midlands - EMC, working collaboratively with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit is hosting two free webinars for Councillors on cyber security.

Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber-attacks. We recognise the value and responsibility you bring to our communities as a councillor, with this in mind we want to ensure that you have strong cyber security protection available to you. With the current news around global conflicts, we are seeing a real increase in targeted cybercrime, to combat this, we will cover topics around securing your digital footprint, securing your social media, how to work in public using technology and practical tips. **Dates and times**- 27 May 2022, 10am - 11am or 8 June 2022, 3pm - 4pm (Virtual workshop using MS Teams). To book a place visit [here](#).

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