

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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Workshop for newly elected Councillors, Friday 2 July



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EMC Events for Councillors and Officers

Thirty towns to share £725 million to help communities 'build back better'

Government announced £725 million funding for 30 towns in England to boost their local economies, create jobs and help them 'build back better' from the pandemic [details [here](#)].

In the East Midlands, towns to receive funding are;

- Ashfield (joint Kirkby & Sutton) - £62.6m
- Long Eaton - £24.8m
- Stapleford - £21.1m
- Corby - £19.9m
- Loughborough - £16.9m

The offers announced respond to locally led proposals put forward by the lead council and Town Deal Boards with representation from business, the local community, public sectors and local MPs.

EMC News

Hitting the Ground Running, a workshop for newly elected Councillors, Friday 2 July, 15:00 - 17:00 - East Midlands Councils and the Local Government Association are hosting a virtual workshop on 2 July for newly elected members from across the East Midlands elected in May 2021. The event is to give you a wider perspective on your role, enable you to meet newly elected councillors from other local authorities, and learn about the support available from the Local LGA and EMC so as to help you hit the ground running in your role.

The programme will enable you to do this through exploring what your role means, hearing from experienced councillors on their top tips and unrivalled insights to help equip you in your role for the months ahead.

To book a free place visit [here](#).

EMC Boards Activity

Upcoming Board meeting dates -

- East Midlands Strategic Migration Board – 16th June
- Executive Board – 25th June
- East Midlands Annual General Meeting – 9th July

East Midlands Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council - The Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council met this week. The Regional Joint Council meeting included a presentation from ACAS (Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service) on the potential for a Good Work Charter for the Region, which was followed by an invitation to be part of the project team. For information on the Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council visit [here](#).

EMC Support Activity

EMC Leadership Development Programme - Our exciting new leadership development programme was launched in May and this week we held our second workshop on self-leadership during difficult times.

This 8 part virtual leadership development programme kicked off on 13th May and covered 'A new way of leading: Adaptive Leadership'. We plan to start a new cohort for the programme in Autumn 2021, if you are interested in places please email Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk for more information.

EMC Councillor Events

- Chairing and effective meetings, Friday 18 June, 10:00 - 13:00** - further details [here](#)
- Workshop for Councillors on overview and scrutiny, Thursday 24 June, 10:00 – 13:00**- further details [here](#)
- Workshop for Chairs and Vice chairs of Overview and Scrutiny, Tuesday 29 June, 10:00 – 13:00**- details [here](#)

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



New measures to better protect mobile home residents - further details are available from [here](#).

- Councils given greater powers to tackle bad practice and exploitation on mobile home sites
- Strong enforcement powers against those who don't comply with the new rules
- Fit and proper person test introduced to ensure site managers are suitable

Homelessness

Social investment pilot to fund over 200 homes for rough sleepers - Rough Sleeping and Housing Minister Eddie Hughes announces partnership with Big Society Capital that will see a total of £30 million invested in new homes for rough sleepers.

- £15 million government grant to help deliver over 200 homes for rough sleepers
 - Social investor Big Society Capital to match grant with £15 million of its own funding
 - The pilot will fund homes across England with a particular focus in London, Greater Manchester and in Teesside
- The 3 year pilot, which will run until 2024, will see £15 million of government funding combined with an additional £15 million provided by Big Society Capital, a leading social impact investor, to deliver over 200 move-on homes for rough sleepers and those at risk of homelessness [details [here](#)].

Domestic Abuse Act: Homelessness new burdens funding 2021 to 2022 - Information regarding the allocation of funding local authorities will receive in 2021 to 2022 for homelessness priority need new burdens [details [here](#)].

Area	Funding amount
Derby	£11,999
Leicester	£15,025
North Northamptonshire	£9,737
Nottingham	£16,375
West Northamptonshire	£11,767

Health & Social Care

Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK - The official UK government website for data and insights on coronavirus (COVID-19) including data on Testing, cases and vaccinations. With case information by region and local authorities [here](#).

Employers' Information

Social Europe e-newsletter - Latest Social Europe Newsletter is available from [here](#).

SGL News - SGL Europe's newsletters provide an update on recent developments at European level on workforce matters and the most recent newsletter is available from [here](#).

Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

Plans to bring vulnerable Afghan interpreters to the UK accelerated - Local staff who worked for the UK Government in Afghanistan, including many who worked as interpreters for UK forces in the country, will be eligible for expedited relocation to the UK under the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP), the Defence Secretary and Home Secretary announced on 1st June 2021.

Following the decision to begin the withdrawal of military forces from Afghanistan, the Prime Minister has agreed the Ministry of Defence, Home Office and MHCLG to rapidly accelerate applications through the policy. ARAP was first introduced to help vulnerable Afghans, who risked their lives supporting British troops, to relocate to the UK and start new lives.

The ARAP scheme came into effect on 1 April 2021 and offers the relocation of current and former local staff in Afghanistan, including interpreters and their immediate families. This new scheme acknowledges and reflects that the situation in Afghanistan has changed, and with it the potential risk to the local staff who have worked for the UK Government over the past twenty years [details [here](#)].

Changes to the National Transfer Scheme - Changes to the National Transfer Scheme will ensure responsibility for unaccompanied children seeking asylum will be more fairly distributed.

The changes to the scheme, announced by the Home Secretary and Education Secretary today (Thursday 10 June), will encourage more local authorities to take part in a planned schedule for taking into care children who arrive in the UK alone and claim asylum – ensuring all areas in the UK play their part.

The scheme will provide local authorities with increased funding and take into account local pressures on local services. By having a 'rota' of these transfers, the updated scheme will provide regions and local authorities with greater clarity as to the number of children to expect and the timing of those placements, allowing them time to plan ahead and better manage their capacity [details [here](#)].

Local Government News



Initial proposals for the 2023 Boundary Review now published - The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has published its initial proposals for new constituency boundaries [details [here](#)].

The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies was formally launched in January this year. The Commission is required to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal; in doing so, the number of constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543. The Commission is undertaking an independent review of all constituency boundaries in England and will present our final recommendations to Parliament by July 2023.

Just under 10% of existing constituencies in England would remain unchanged in the first major overhaul of seat boundaries since 2010.

The proposed changes - due to come into effect in 2023 - include:

- Melton and Syston to become a new seat in Leicestershire
- The return of Rutland and Stamford, previously a constituency back in 1983
- Erewash renamed as Ilkeston and Long Eaton
- Glenfield moved into Leicester West
- Kimberley added to Nottingham North
- South Leicestershire to become Blaby, Oadby and Wigston
- Charnwood renamed as Mid-Leicestershire

The aim of the shake-up is to make Parliament fairer by giving each MP a roughly similar number of voters, the Boundary Commission for England has said.

The proposals will now be subject to consultations, the first of which will run for eight weeks until 2 August.

Northamptonshire County Council: lessons learned report - Report by the Commissioners at Northamptonshire County Council setting out the lessons learned from the statutory intervention at the council [details [here](#)].

LGA Case study on revised Community Trigger guidance in Derbyshire - Derbyshire's county, city, borough and district councils have agreed on newly revised Community Trigger guidance which is consistent but flexible to the needs of each area. This county-wide guidance reflects best practice and ensures victims are at the heart of the trigger process [details [here](#)].

EMC Events



Barnardo's Child Trafficking and NRM session - EMC are hosting a 2 hour virtual **Child Trafficking and NRM session** on **Thursday 17th June** from **2pm-4pm** delivered by **Barnados**. This 2 hour briefing session will give an overview of what Child Trafficking is, how to spot some of the signs and indicators and what to do next. It will also detail what the NRM (National Referral Mechanism) is, how to complete one and the process that follows your referral. It will include an introduction to the Independent Child Trafficking Guardianship (ICTG) service and how we can support you [\[here\]](#).

Report Writing, 30 June - EMC is hosting a 3 hour virtual workshops on report writing. The virtual workshop will be highly interactive [full details [here](#)]. The course will explore;

- **What are the expectations with regards written reports in your role?**
- **What should we think about before writing the report?** Exploring: the audience and their expectations, language, tone, length.

The virtual workshop will use both plenary and breakout time to ensure maximum delegate participation, making the session interactive for those taking part.

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE

Vice Chair: Cllr David Mellen

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Conservative Group: Cllr Roger Blaney

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Lib Dem Group: Cllr David Bill MBE

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