



A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by  
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## NETWORK NORTH: UPDATE FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS

Last week, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced the cancellation of HS2 to Manchester and the East Midlands. Instead, the Government promised that the £36 billion in savings from HS2 will be reinvested in transport schemes across the country, with £9.6 billion allocated for the Midlands, including £1.75 billion for the Midlands regional rail hub and £1.5 billion for the new East Midlands County Combined Authority. Transport for the East Midlands is continuing to work through the available detail following this announcement, and the likely implications for the region.

Today, DfT published a correction slip relating to Network North publication, which can be found below, confirming that the potential extension of the Nottingham Tram system **beyond** Clifton South, not to Clifton South, as previously stated.

As part of Network North, DfT is increasing funding for most existing Major Road Network and Large Local Major road schemes. These schemes, subject to successful business case approval, will benefit from an uplift in government contribution from 85% to 100% of their costs at the outline business case (OBC) stage. The increased funding will help ensure the delivery of the following road schemes.

- A511 Growth Corridor (Leicestershire)
- A614/A6097 Corridor scheme (Nottinghamshire)
- North Hykeham Relief Road (Lincolnshire)
- A509 Isham Bypass (Northamptonshire)
- Chesterfield – Staveley Regeneration Route (Derbyshire)
- A43 Northampton – Kettering phase 3 (Northamptonshire)

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## LEVELLING-UP AND REGENERATION

During the Conference season levelling-up and housing took centre stage and look likely to be key issues at the next General Election.

Reflecting on the latest developments, including proposals for new County Combined Authorities, EMC will be holding an event for councillors and senior officers on the 8th December 2023 in Leicester.

More information relating to this event will be released in due course.

## MANAGING AND RESOLVING CONFLICT – PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR MANAGERS

Being able to manage difficult situations and conflict with and between employees is a key attribute for any manager.

EMC is hosting a one-day training session on Conflict Resolution Skills for Managers on 30th November. This practical course will equip you with the understanding and skills to address your own and others' disagreements, and is tailored for managers, team leaders and HR practitioners.

To find out more and book:

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## SECOND PHASE OF BROWNFIELD LAND RELEASE FUND

DLHUC has launched the second phase of its Brownfield Release Fund 2, equating to £60m of the £180m fund.

More than 6,000 homes will be built on brownfield sites across the UK, with funding awarded directly to councils so they can release the land.

In the East Midlands:

- Derby City Council—£570, 686
- Leicester City Council—£713,435
- West Northamptonshire—£750,000

Amber Valley received £1,033,901 in phase one of the fund last November.

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## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESETTLEMENT FUND

Last Month, DLUHC launched the Children and Young People's Resettlement Fund.

Councils and VCSE organisations can bid for grants from the £2.5m fund for projects aimed at supporting the specific needs of children and young people aged 21 and under who have come to, or settled in England via specific pathways from Ukraine, Hong Kong and Afghanistan.

Suitable projects include those which support access to mental health support, counselling and therapy, in addition to English language courses, employment training and support into higher education.

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## INVITATION TO TENDER LAUNCHED FOR NEW EMC WEBSITE

East Midlands Councils is inviting qualified and experienced web design and development agencies to submit tenders for the redesign, development, and maintenance of our website.

The website serves as a vital platform to represent the interests of local councils, provide essential information on various policy areas, and the work of EMC.

Should any of your internal web-development teams wish to bid for this work, more information can be found here:

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