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## HS2 EXECUTIVE BOARD TO WRITE TO MINISTERS OVER JOB LOSS FEARS

The East Midlands’ HS2 Executive Board has this week agreed to write to ministers to express concerns following reports that train builder Alstom could lay off some of its 2,000 workers at the Litchurch Lane site due to lack of orders beyond early 2024.

Newspaper reports from this week have stated that Alstom had been relying on existing orders from HS2, but as these have been pushed back it was now looking to reduce its workforce.

The Times says that Ministers are being warned that as well as 2,000 jobs being placed in peril, some 1,400 companies which employ 17,000 people in the supply chain will also be affected.

On Wednesday, The East Midlands HS2 Executive Board agreed to seek reassurances and clarification from Ministers, stressing that the delays and uncertainty over HS2 are starting to cause serious impacts locally.

## UPCOMING COUNCILLOR EVENTS

<p><b>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion</b> Wednesday 20 September 2023</p>	<p>This programme has been designed for elected members, who are keen to understand more about equality, diversity and inclusion.</p>	<p><b>BOOK NOW</b> &gt;</p>
<p><b>Cyber Security—Stay safe online!</b> Tuesday 26 September 2023</p>	<p>East Midlands Councils, working collaboratively with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU), is hosting a free webinar for Councillors on cyber security.</p>	<p><b>BOOK NOW</b> &gt;</p>
<p><b>Reading for Speed and Retention</b> Thursday 12 October 2023</p>	<p>This 2.5-hour session has been developed to provide participants with a range of reading strategies. These include being able to gain an overview of a complex document at speed, as well as developing a process for forensic reading.</p>	<p><b>BOOK NOW</b> &gt;</p>

## A CHANGE IN AMBITION FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE IVANHOE LINE PASSENGER SERVICES

Network Rail has identified a preferred option to take forward the Ivanhoe Line 'Restoring Your Railway' proposal. However, the line will no longer extend as far as a new station at Leicester South. Instead, the initial focus will be on connecting Coalville, Ashby and Swadlincote/Castle Gresley to Burton-on-Trent. Additionally, the project will aim to extend the service north to Derby. The new stations will be subject to the local planning permission and funding. Further details can be found [here](#). As chair of the project stakeholder board, TfEM has written to all the affected local authorities directly to notify them of the change of scope.

## UPCOMING REGIONAL MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING

EMC has developed a range of courses to help councils become more self-sufficient in the provision of Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

1. Conflict Resolution Skills for Managers – 1 day on 30 November 2023
2. Workplace Mediation Skills – 2 days on 9 & 10 January 2024
3. The Interpersonal Mediation Practitioner's Certificate (IMPC) – 5 days on 15 – 19 January 2024
4. Mediation Development Day (Refresher) – 1 day on 30 January 2024

We have arranged a Webinar on **Thursday 21 September 2023** at 11.00am which will be an informal session, providing the opportunity to hear about what is being offered and to ask questions. To attend the Webinar, please email [mark.pinchen@emcouncils.gov.uk](mailto:mark.pinchen@emcouncils.gov.uk).

For further detailed information on the courses and to book, please click on the following link:

[READ MORE >](#)

## UPCOMING ASYLUM AND RESETTLEMENT TRAINING

### Preventing Vicarious Trauma

*Wednesday 27 September 2023—9am to 12pm (Online)*

[BOOK NOW >](#)

### IOM UK Afghanistan: Geography, History, Experiences in Conflict (and Displacement) and Services

*Tuesday 3 October 2023—10am to 12:00pm (Online)*

[BOOK NOW >](#)

### IOM UK Afghanistan: Afghanistan: Cultural Norms, Family and Social Life

*Wednesday 4 October 2023—10am to 12:00pm (Online)*

[BOOK NOW >](#)

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