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## AUTUMN STATEMENT: IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

On Wednesday 22 November, Chancellor Jeremy Hunt delivered his Autumn Statement, covering a variety of areas, including changes to welfare, tax cuts and support for British businesses.

In the East Midlands, we saw announcements for a new investment zone, as well as a deal to bring devolution to Greater Lincolnshire.

In the statement, the Government said the East Midlands Investment Zone would focus on green industries and advanced manufacturing and help leverage £383 million in private investment, as well as supporting 4,200 jobs in the region over the next 10 years.

It will cover parts of Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire, with anchor investment from Rolls Royce in Derby and engineering and construction giant Laing O'Rourke valued at £9.3 million

In the East of the region, plans for devolution for Greater Lincolnshire could see the formation of a new Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA), supporting the area's 1.1 million residents over 30 years.

Read the full Autumn Statement:

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## SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

### JOIN EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT CHARTER

South Kesteven District Council have signed up to East Midlands Councils' Councillor Development Charter, demonstrating their commitment to the development of their Councillors.

The Councillor Development Charter and Charter Plus exist to:

- Encourage councils to develop (or build on) an effective strategy or approach to Councillor development.
- Recognise those councils that have developed an effective approach.
- Encourage councils to continue that development and share their experiences and learning.
- Support the continuous professional development for Councillors.

If your council is interested in the Councillor Development Charter & Charter Plus find out more below:

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## NET MIGRATION INTO THE UK HITS RECORD HIGH

Net migration hit a record-breaking 745,000 in 2022, according to revised figures from the Office for National Statistics.

In its last figures released in May, the ONS said the number for last year was 606,000 - then deemed a record high. But looking at the numbers again, the organisation now says the actual figure was almost 140,000 higher than first thought.

The ONS has highlighted a trend indicating a slowing of immigration coupled with increasing emigration. The office also referenced changes in behaviour such as international students staying longer and moving onto work or graduate visas, and people moving to the UK with their families to fill skilled jobs in health and care sectors.

They also referenced a slowing of figures from Hong Kong British Nationals and Ukrainians.

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## FROM HK TO UK: HONG KONGERS' NEW LIVES IN BRITAIN

The Welcoming Committee for Hong Kongers have published a new report, drawing on research from a representative sample of 2,000 Hong Kongers who have come to the UK under the new British Nationals (Overseas) visa.

The report covers issues including work, the cost of living, integration, belonging, language, location, future plans and the challenges that Hong Kongers are facing in the UK.

East Midlands Councils hosts the East Midlands Welcome Hub for HKBNO working with statutory and voluntary partners to improve the integration of Hong Kongers in the region.

Read the full report:

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## IOM UK RESETTLEMENT AND CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT INFORMATION SESSION: RESETTLEMENT PROCESS AND CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

**10AM—12PM, WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023**

**VIA ZOOM**

This session's content will focus primarily on the global context of displacement, where Resettlement sits within that, the Resettlement process, and cultural adjustment of refugees once they arrive in the UK.

This session will be participatory and rely heavily on participant engagement through case studies and discussion, therefore we highly encourage participants to come prepared to have their cameras on during the session.

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## WE'RE HIRING: PROGRAMME AND POLICY OFFICER

This is an exciting opportunity to join the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership based in Melton Mowbray (hybrid working). The role is to assist with the coordination of Home Office and DLUHC funded programmes and schemes in collaboration with key partners.

Find out more and apply:

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## 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.

There are a range of courses on offer, from one day sessions for managers to learn new skills in conflict resolution, to a five-day accredited course.

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

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

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## NATIONAL AND LOCAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LEVELLING UP AGENDA

**10AM—1PM, FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2023,**

**DEVONSHIRE PLACE, 78 LONDON ROAD, LEICESTER LE2 0RA**

In line with the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB) receiving Royal Assent, East Midlands Councils will be hosting a free event in December which will cover the political and legal aspects of the LURB, as well as an opportunity to hear directly about the emerging proposals for the new Mayoral County Combined Authorities in the East Midlands. This event is primarily aimed at councillors and senior officers, and it forms part of EMCs broader Member Development offer.

Hear from:

- Andrew Pritchard, Director of Policy & Infrastructure, East Midlands Councils on the 12 Levelling Up Missions and the current position in the East Midlands.
- Howard Leithead and Odette Chalaby - No5 Chambers on the legislative landscape of the Levelling Up and Reform Bill
- Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Officer – East Midlands Devolution Programme
- Justin Brown, Assistant Director, Growth, Lincolnshire County Council on emerging proposals for a Mayoral County Combined Authority in Greater Lincolnshire

For more information or to book your place at this session:

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### EMC Leadership

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