

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by
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Top items this week

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Update on National
Pay Negotiations



We're Hiring:
Resettlement Policy
Officer



Rail ticket office
closure consultation
extended



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UPDATE ON NATIONAL PAY NEGOTIATIONS

This week GMB confirmed that it will conduct disaggregated industrial action ballots of its NJC 'Green Book' and JNC Craft 'Red Book' members in some councils and schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The organisations to be targeted for strike ballots will be notified in the next few weeks.

UNISON's strike ballots closed on 4 July, and Unite's ballot closes today. We expect both unions to signal their intentions early next month.

EMC will continue to keep local authorities updated with developments on the national negotiations and ballots as they arise .

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WE'RE HIRING

Resettlement Policy Officer – x2 roles

Grade H (£36,298 - £38,296) pay award pending

37 hours per week—Fixed Term for 12 months initially

This is an exciting opportunity to assist with the co-ordination of the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership on migration issues including the regional coordination Asylum and Refugee Resettlement Schemes.

The work involved with this important and high-profile programme will include working with local authorities to encourage participation, coordinating arrivals and supporting integration.

The ideal person will have experience of working within a local authority, partner regional agency or equivalent organisation, including responsibility for policy development, advocacy and partnership working.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2023

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RAIL TICKET OFFICE CLOSURE CONSULTATION EXTENDED

The consultation into the plan to close hundreds of ticket offices in England has been extended until 1 September.

Organisers of the consultation said some train companies did not provide accessible formats, preventing people from being able to respond to plans.

The 21-day period for passengers to share their views was due to end on Wednesday, but the Rail Delivery Group say it has listened to feedback and has extended the consultation period by almost six weeks "to give as many people as possible a chance to take part".

More than 170,000 responses have been received to date, according to watchdogs Transport Focus and London TravelWatch.

To have your say on the proposals, visit:

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COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME : NEW EVENTS ADDED

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Wednesday 20 September

18:00 – 20:30 / Online via zoom

This programme has been designed for elected members, who are keen to understand more about equality, diversity and inclusion.

This is an essential session for members who want to understand the impact the decisions they debate will have on communities and groups. Also included in this session are tips for developing a personal awareness of bias.

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READING FOR SPEED AND RETENTION

Thursday 12th October 2023

18.00 – 20.30 / Online via zoom

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.

Being able to read documents at speed has many advantages. Reading faster can help comprehension and there are obvious time-management benefits.

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