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Top items this week

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HS2 East Cancelled  
& Network North  
Launched



Reading for Speed  
and Retention  
workshop



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Training & development  
for councils across  
the region

## HS2 EAST CANCELLED & NETWORK NORTH LAUNCHED

This week, Prime minister Rishi Sunak announced at the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester the cancellation of HS2. The existing works to connect Birmingham and Euston will continue, but all further plans, including those for HS2 East, will be scrapped.

Instead, the Government has promised that the £36 billion in savings from HS2 will be reinvested in transport schemes across the country, including, £1.75 billion for the Midlands regional rail hub and £1.5 billion for the new East Midlands County Combined Authority.

In total, the Midlands as a whole was promised £9.6 billion toward road improvements, re-opening closed lines, contactless ticketing and more.

East Midlands Councils and Transport for the East Midlands are continuing to work through the available detail following this announcement, and the likely implications for the region.

We're looking to gain clarity on the timescales and detail of the projects promised, and also for the future of the Midland Mainline Electrification, which remains a strategic transport priority for the East Midlands.

For more information regarding this announcement, and the funding promises for the region:

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## READING FOR SPEED AND RETENTION WORKSHOP

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.

The session is led by Miranda Smythe, from the Baikie-Wood Consultancy Ltd, who has 30 years' experience in writing and developing personal development programmes.

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## LATEST HR BULLETIN NOW AVAILABLE

The September EMC HR Bulletin is now available. This month's bulletin includes:

- Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training Offer
- The launch of our blended ILM 5 Leadership Programme
- An article from Darren Newman, Employment Law expert provides an update on time limits for bringing a claim to an Employment Tribunal
- An update on national developments

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## EMC TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

It's been a busy week at EMC, with lots of councillors and officers from across the region taking part in our training and development opportunities.

On Wednesday, 74 people attended our latest Employment Law session with Darren Newman, which provided an update on recent developments with employment law and potential changes in the future—this was an engaging and informative session, which received positive feedback from those who attended.

Yesterday, we were excited to welcome people from across the county to our latest Planners Continuing Professional Development Programme. The latest Webinar was focussed on Local Plans, and we heard from Office for National Statistics, Richard Hall from Planning and Design Group, as well as South Derbyshire District Council.

All councils in the East Midlands are members of EMC, which means you can make the most of our training and development opportunities.

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## ILM LEVEL 5 AWARD IN LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

East Midlands Councils, in partnership with Challenge Training, are providing an opportunity for current and aspiring middle managers to extend their skills to get the best from themselves, their team and their organisation in times of change and continuous improvement.

This five-day course, split over four face-to-face days and two online half-days, is designed to encourage participants to assess their own leadership capability and performance, and to provide confidence and competence within their role to create a culture of continuous improvement where teams and individuals feel valued and engaged. Find out more and book now:

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