

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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Housing news



EMC HR Bulletin, May 2022 Edition



East Midlands Scrutiny Network, 24 June 2022



EMC Events for Councillors and Officers

The Prime Minister has announced 2.5 million tenants renting their homes from housing associations will be given the right to buy them outright.

Right to Buy scheme extended to housing association tenants, with government pledging to build a new social home for every one sold. More information available from [here](#).

Employers' Issues

EMC HR Bulletin, May 2022 Edition - The latest edition of the EMC HR Bulletin is now available via this link [here](#).

This month, Employment Law expert Darren Newman looks at proposals to amend the right to representation and limit industrial action.



Also in the May Bulletin:-

- Leadership and Management development opportunities
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Information
- Apprenticeship Newsletter – May 2022
- Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) latest bulletin 223 - April 2022
- Statutory Guidance on Special Severance Payments

EMC Regional Pay Consultation Briefing - 21 June - East Midlands Councils will be hosting a regional pay consultation briefing on Tuesday 21 June from 2.00-4.00pm. The meeting will take place virtually on MS Teams.

The purpose of the meeting will be to provide councils in region the opportunity to meet lead national negotiators and discuss and input to the national pay negotiations for 2022.

We will circulate further information ahead of the meeting, but wanted to make lead Councillors, HR and Finance Leads aware of the date as soon as possible. To book a place please visit our website [here](#).

EMC News

EMC Boards Activity

Upcoming board meeting dates;

- **Transport for the East Midlands** - 22 June 2022
- **EMC Executive Board** - 24 June 2022
- **EMC Meeting** - 15 July 2022 – 2.00pm start

EMC Support Activity

East Midlands Scrutiny Network, 24 June 2022 - The next East Midlands Scrutiny network meeting will take place on 24 June, 10:00 – 12:30. The theme for this network meeting will be on **budget scrutiny**. This network meeting will be hosted by Erewash Borough Council. For more information on this network meeting contact

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The East Midlands Councils Scrutiny network is a local authority network for Councillors and Officers involved with Scrutiny. The network provides Councillors and Officers with the opportunity to share knowledge, work programmes and information, as well as providing an opportunity to explore national developments concerning scrutiny.

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Electrical safety in social housing: consultation and call for evidence - This consultation aims to improve safety for residents in social rented homes and bring greater parity between the rented sectors with regard to safety. The Government is consulting on mandating electrical safety inspection and testing in social homes, and calling for evidence on requirements for owner-occupier leasehold properties in social housing blocks [[here](#)].

Fire safety guidance strengthened for new high-rise homes - New improvements to fire safety guidance form part of a wider update to tighten building regulations and provide clearer fire safety rules for the design or construction of residential developments [details [here](#)].

‘Ofsted-style’ inspections and unlimited fines for failing social landlords - The Regulator of Social Housing will have stronger powers to issue unlimited fines, enter properties with only 48 hours’ notice and make emergency repairs [details [here](#)].

East Midlands Airport - Airspace Modernisation Programme, Stage 2 - East Midlands Airport is now working at Stage 2 of the airspace modernisation programme. At this stage, a comprehensive list of route design options will be produced and developed through reference to the design principles that were agreed through stakeholder engagement at Stage 1. A process of engagement will then take place to confirm that the design options have interpreted the design principles correctly and developed options will then be assessed to understand their impact. East Midlands Airport would like to hear views as part of this stage of the programme. For more information about the programme and Stage 2, please watch this short video [here](#).

Overwhelming support to improve Junction 28 of M1 - Consumer research conducted by Midlands Connect shows that the 82% of Ashfield or Bolsover residents surveyed would support improvements to upgrade Junction 28 of the M1 in Derbyshire. The poll showed that 82% of respondents supported improvements being planned and just 6% said they did not. This scheme is a Midlands Connect priority project and Midlands Connect will be submitting it to the government for funding as their ask for third round of the Road Investment Strategy. They have created a shortlist of priorities through a programme of strategic studies, route strategies, specific areas of research and work with stakeholders. Midlands Connect are asking for these schemes to be developed as part of Road Investment Strategy pipeline of schemes that may be built, if supported by government, in the third road investment period which runs from 2025 to 2030 [here](#).

Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

Homes for Ukraine, latest regional data - The latest regional data on Homes for Ukraine. On this data, visas issued and arrivals continue to trend at around +200 per week. Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme: Visa data by country, upper and lower tier local authority - available from [here](#).

Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme - Data from the East Midlands - further East Midlands data available [here](#).

Upper tier local authority name	Number of visa applications	Number of visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Derby	127	108	78
Derbyshire	1,000	936	604
Leicester	113	92	52
Leicestershire	721	668	438
Lincolnshire	1,046	954	598
North Northamptonshire	395	368	263
Nottingham	206	191	113
Nottinghamshire	846	764	510
Rutland	98	90	42
West Northamptonshire	612	552	396
TOTALS	5164	4723	3094

Climate Change & Sustainable Development

The LGA’s Net Zero Innovation Programme is now open for expressions of interest - Apply now and learn how partnership and co-production skills between councils and universities can help to tackle sustainability, climate change and ecological challenges. Please visit the website for FAQs, blogs, case studies and more information [details [here](#)].

Senior Officer Leadership Training: Responding to the Climate Emergency – This LGA programme will help senior council officers, across all services, to explore their crucial local leadership role in responding to the climate emergency. To note the programme dates and sign up, please complete the expression of interest form [details [here](#)].

Health & Social Care

Biggest shake-up in health and social care leadership in a generation to improve patient care - A landmark review into health and social care leadership led by General Sir Gordon Messenger and Dame Linda Pollard has been published [details [here](#)].

Health Care Act 2022 - This briefing Centre for Governance and Scrutiny focuses on accountability, specifically the local accountability of NHS bodies to local authorities' overview and scrutiny arrangements. In explaining the new arrangements it makes reference to existing health scrutiny systems, which are those introduced following the passage of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Regulations on health scrutiny were passed in 2014 and remain in force for the time being [details [here](#)].

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) (virtual webinar), 16 June 2022, 10.30am - The LGA is offering an invitation to hear from Professor Alexis Jay, Chair of the Inquiry. Professor Jay will provide insight and experiences of her time as the Chair to the Inquiry, the impact of the work delivered to date and her hopes for the future following publication of the Inquiry Final Report [details [here](#)].

Local Government News

Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (Centre for Governance and Scrutiny Briefing) - The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill was introduced into the House of Commons on 17 May 2022. This Centre for Governance and Scrutiny Briefing provides a summary of some of its key provisions, with a particular focus on its impact on accountability at local and combined authority level. The briefing does not cover the changes to planning law [details [here](#)].

PAC highlights "past form" at DLUHC with questions over award of 'Levelling Up' funds - Ministers finalised the principles for awarding the first round of £1.7 billion of Levelling Up funds only once they knew the identities and scores of shortlisted bidders – a situation the PAC calls "unsatisfactory" in a report today, saying "DLUHC has past form with this". For more information visit [here](#).

Nudges for Social Good, LGA behavioural insights podcast - The LGA's Nudges for Social Good podcast explores how councils across the country are using behavioural insights to nudge their residents into different ways of living [[here](#)].

Learning from the Community Renewal Fund (CRF), Tuesday 14 June 2022 - The LGA has commissioned Shared Intelligence to highlight some of the learning from the CRF – the pilot programme for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This webinar will be an opportunity to hear some of the experiences and learning from the CRF programme [[here](#)].

Eligibility for Community Ownership Fund expanded - More community groups will be able to rescue prized local assets, such as sports clubs, music venues and historic buildings, following the expansion of levelling up funding. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities published the prospectus for the second round of its £150 million Community Ownership Fund. Building on the successful launch of pilot funding last year, which saved 39 assets across the UK, changes to the fund will ensure it is more inclusive and flexible, following feedback from previous applicants [details [here](#)].

Greater transparency and value for money for council finance system - A new regulator, the Audit Reporting and Governance Authority (ARGA), to be established as the system leader for local audit within a new, simplified local audit framework [details [here](#)].

EMC Events

Introduction to Neurodiversity, 22 June 2022 - In this 90 minute virtual introductory session we will be introducing you to the idea of neurodiversity, what it is, and what the common conditions are that people experience. We will also look at ways in which you can make simple adjustments to better support people and enable them to be their most effective selves. To book visit [here](#).

High Impact Leadership, ILM Level 5 Award in Leadership and Management, An accredited Leadership Development Programme - EMC is launching an ILM Level 5 Award in Leadership and Management starting in September 2022. The course will take place with a combination of face to face workshops and interactive virtual workshops. The programme information booklet can be accessed from here [Programme Information - September 2022](#)

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