

EMC POLICY BRIEF

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



Top items this week

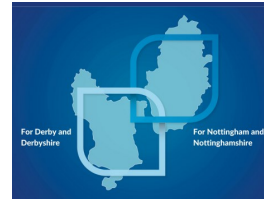
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Call for evidence on
Afghan resettlement



Latest regional Homes
for Ukraine data



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TESOL TENDER

East Midlands Councils looking for a partner to provide access to Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) training for former asylum seekers and migrants arriving under resettlement and visa programmes, such as HKBN(O), United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme, Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, etc.

The service will include subsidised course fees, end-to-end pastoral support, and onward signposting to informal or formal ESOL provision for employment, work experience, voluntary activity, etc.

Bids should be submitted to SMP@emcouncils.gov.uk by 12 noon on 14 November 2022.

Find out more here: emcouncils.gov.uk/Invitations-To-Tender.

Migration news

Call for Evidence: An inspection of the Home Office's Afghan resettlement schemes

The Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration has commenced an inspection of the Home Office's Afghan resettlement schemes. The inspection will examine the effectiveness, efficiency and consistency of the Home Office's processing of applications to Afghan resettlement schemes.

The Independent Chief Inspector invites anyone with knowledge or experience of applying to the schemes to submit evidence to inform this inspection and welcomes views on what is working well and what could be improved. He would be particularly interested to hear from those with first-hand experience of applying to the schemes.

Responses can be submitted securely here: smartsurvey.co.uk

Homes for Ukraine, latest regional data

As of Tuesday 8 November, the total number of arrivals in the East Midlands region is 5,833. Visa data by country, upper and lower tier local authority is available from gov.uk.

Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme			
Upper tier local authority name	Number of visa applications	Number of visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Derby	213	179	147
Derbyshire	1,488	1,417	1,203
Leicester	164	150	121
Leicestershire	1,117	1,049	851
Lincolnshire	1,490	1,382	1,110
North Northamptonshire	642	591	457
Nottingham	305	286	231
Nottinghamshire	1,266	1,167	944
Rutland	150	147	121
West Northamptonshire	873	800	648
TOTALS	7708	7168	5833



Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Ministerial briefs announced

The Department for Transport has announced its new ministerial briefs:

- Rt Hon Mark Harper, MP - Secretary of State
- Rt Hon Jesse Norman, MP - Decarbonisation & Technology
- Huw Merriman, MP - Rail & HS2
- Baroness Vere of Norbiton - Aviation, Maritime & Security
- Richard Holden, MP - Roads & Local Transport

Midlands Connect

Reconnecting the rail line between Coventry, Leicester and Nottingham

Last chance to take part in the Midlands Connect survey on how proposed rail improvements between Coventry, Leicester, and Nottingham will impact you, your business, and colleagues.

The survey ends today, so make your views known here: midlandsconnect.co.uk/coventry-leicester-nottingham/

Local Government News

Towns Fund: supplementary guidance for Town Deal Boards

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has published additional guidance on requirements for Town Deals Boards during the delivery phase of the Towns Fund.

The supplementary guidance should be read in addition to the Towns Fund guidance published previously, which sets out important information about interventions in scope, and the roles of different stakeholders throughout the process, and shows the path towards implementation of Town Deals.

The additional guidance can be found here: gov.uk/towns-fund-supplementary-guidance-for-town-deal-boards

East Midlands Combined Authority

All four councils have approved the next stages of East Midlands devolution deal.

Nottinghamshire, Nottingham, Derbyshire and Derby have all approved a public consultation about the £1.14bn devolution deal proposal.

An eight-week consultation period will now take place for more than 2.2 million people to have their say on the plans.

Government launches Veterans' survey

Yesterday, 10 November, The government launched the Veterans' Survey, for veterans and their families.

This is the first-ever exercise to collect feedback from the veteran community across the UK, coordinated by the Office for Veterans' Affairs and the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Responses to the survey will help the government better understand the experiences, needs and wellbeing of the veteran community.

The survey will be open for 12 weeks and can be accessed at ons.gov.uk/veteranssurvey

2022 Pay Agreement: Craftworker 'Red Book'

Agreement has been reached on the pay award for local authority Craftworker ('Red Book') employees.

A copy of the circular can be found here: [emcouncils.gov.uk/Craft Pay Award 2022](https://emcouncils.gov.uk/Craft_Pay_Award_2022)

Despite this, Unite and GMB have announced their intention to target councils where 'Red Book' employees are well organised, in order to actively pursue local disputes that will focus on achieving improved terms and conditions for their Craftworker members.



Health & Social Care

Nurses vote to strike

Nurses across the UK have voted to strike over pay, with action expected by the end of the year. The walkout will involve Royal College of Nursing members in more than half of hospitals and community teams, but emergency care will still be staffed. In the East Midlands, the following trusts will be affected:

- East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB
- NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB
- Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust
- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

EMC Events

Introduction to Neurodiversity, Thursday 17 November 2022, 2pm

In this 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 find out more and book your place, visit emcouncils.gov.uk.

Vicarious Trauma Training, Monday 12 December 2022, 9am

This online sessions aims to support the development of skills in prevention and management of Burnout and Vicarious Traumatization while supporting the Refugee & Asylum Seekers (RAS) population.

This workshop offers a very gentle approach to address Burnout & Vicarious Trauma Impact with a focus on establishing awareness as well as learning skills on how to prevent and manage this impact.

To find out more and book your place, visit emcouncils.gov.uk or contact SMP@emcouncils.gov.uk.

HR Updates

Virtual Exchange

Over 40 people from councils across the region joined our Virtual Exchange on Tuesday 8 November to share information and approaches following recent case law on calculating holiday pay.

The exchange offered members the opportunity to discuss the implications of the Brazel Ruling on Calculating Holiday Pay for Term-time Workers, alongside Phil Bundy, the LGA's Senior Legal Adviser .

To find out more contact sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk.

Upcoming EMC Board meeting dates

- Regional Migration Board -23 November 2022
- Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council - 30 November 2022
- EMC Executive Board - 16 December 2022
- Transport for the East Midlands – 19 December 2022

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