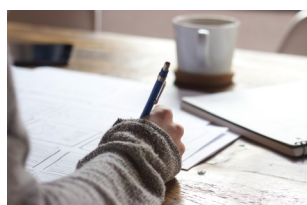




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EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

East Midlands Councils (EMC) is keen to hear from its membership to help inform our upcoming Programme of events, services and support.

Feedback from both Councillors and Officers is key to ensuring that our work is tailored to the priorities of the sector and brings value to our membership.

This survey should take no more than five minutes to complete, and the feedback will help inform the scope of our services and wider support provided to our membership over the coming year.

SURVEY 

PLANNING REFORM - ONE YEAR ON

Thursday 22nd June 2023

10.00 - 15.45

Lunch and refreshments provided

This one day workshop will discuss key aspects of the Government's planning reform agenda and the future role of local planning authorities, bringing together expert speakers from the legal profession, Government, academia and the private sector.

The session will include:

- Planning Reform – Background & Context
- Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill: A Planning Lawyer's Perspective
- The Infrastructure Levy: the journey from the Planning Reform White Paper to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill
- Impact on Devolution and the Levelling Up agenda

The event is open to officers & Elected Members

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SECOND ROUND OF TOWNS FUND CANCELLED

Rishi Sunak has cancelled plans to hold a second round of Boris Johnson's £3.6bn towns fund.

This week it was revealed that the £300m set aside for a further competition will instead be transferred to the levelling up fund.

While the government never officially set out a timeline for a second round of the towns fund, statements made by Mr Johnson and the housing ministry - which was responsible for it at the time - suggested places that initially missed out would be given the opportunity to bid for more funding.

A government spokesperson confirmed that the money set aside for a future towns fund had been rolled into the £4.8bn levelling up funds pot "as part of our commitment to streamlining and simplifying our funding programmes".

UKRAINIAN FAMILIES SUPPORTED INTO OWN HOMES WITH £150M FUNDING

Ukrainians in the UK will be helped into their own homes as part of a £150 million funding allocation.

The funding will be divided across the UK according to the number of Ukrainians in each nation.

Funding can be used by councils to help Ukrainian families into the private rental sector, help them get jobs, and continue sponsorship for guests' second year in the UK.

Within England, this funding will be used to help people remain in their current accommodation or find alternative housing, including in the private rented sector.

The Homes for Ukraine scheme has welcomed over 124,000 Ukrainians to the UK, with almost half of working-age nationals now in employment and settled into their local areas, having had the right to work, receive benefits and access public services from day one.

The Department for Transport has also announced it will extend the length of time Ukrainian refugees can drive in Great Britain on their home country driving licence, from 1 year to 3, in a move that will help many continue the lives and jobs they have forged since arriving here.

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UPCOMING EMC TRAINING

IOM UK Afghanistan: Geography, History, Experiences in Conflict (and Displacement) and Services

This session's content will focus primarily on the geography and history of Afghanistan, as well as Afghan's experiences in conflict. The session will also look at the services (including education and health care) Afghans may be used to and their expectations around accessing those services in Afghanistan.

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IOM UK Afghanistan: Cultural Norms, Family and Social Life

This session's content will focus primarily on Afghan cultural norms, practices, family, and social life.

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