

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by
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The East Midlands Challenge is back!

Taking place on 16 March 2023 at Leicester Racecourse in Oadby, Leicestershire, the East Midlands Challenge is a simulation exercise where teams take on the role of a senior management team at one of four fictitious councils.

The challenge offers a fantastic opportunity for aspiring leaders to gain exposure to issues outside of their normal work giving them a taste of what senior management is really like.

To successfully complete the challenge teams will have to work with neighbouring stakeholders and partners to deliver a new strategy for their organisation. They'll have to identify which areas to prioritise, deal with politically sensitive issues and maintain customer focus when determining how to provide the public with the best services possible despite limited resource.

Don't miss out on the chance to be part of this fantastic and rewarding day working with a wide range of colleagues from across our region.

Date: Thursday 16 March 2023

Time: 09:00 – 20:30

Cost: £1,750+VAT early bird rate if registered by 10 December 2022. £1995+VAT after 10 December.

Closing date - The closing date for registering a team is 3 February 2023 (early bird closing date is 10 December 2022).

How to book - For more information and to secure your places, please visit emcouncils.gov.uk/eastmidlandschallenge

National News

Autumn Statement— key takeaways

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, presented his Autumn Statement to Parliament yesterday (17 November):

- An additional £2.8 billion of funding available for social care in 2023/24, increasing to £4.7 billion in 2024/25.
- Delaying the planned adult social care charging reforms from October 2023 to October 2025, but the funding intended for implementation will be retained in council budgets to help them meet current pressures.
- Increasing the core referendum limit for increases in council tax to 3% per year from 2023/24. In addition, councils with social care responsibilities will be able to increase the adult social care precept by up to 2% per year. This will make available an anticipated additional £1.8 billion to councils over the next two years, if councils make use of the flexibilities available (5% total per annum).
- The increase in National Living Wage, from £9.50 per hour, to £10.42 per hour from April 2023.
- Given that employers are no longer facing the additional pressure of increased employer National Insurance contributions, DLUHC is revising the additional grant funding for councils, announced as part of the 2021 Spending Review, by approximately £200 million in 2023/24 and 2024/25.
- The government is capping the amount that social rents can increase by next year at 7% compared to c.11.1% under current rules.

The full statement can be found here: gov.uk

Infrastructure, planning and housing

Key Route Networks: devolving more powers and responsibilities for locally important roads to mayors and their combined authorities

From July to September 2021, the government consulted on proposals to give mayors and their mayoral combined authorities (MCAs) more decision-making powers over, and accountability for, the management of their Key Route Networks (KRN).

Having carefully considered the responses to the consultation, the government is satisfied that there are clear benefits to strengthening mayoral decision-making powers and accountability over their KRN.

The government will seek to legislate to give the Secretary of State the power to create a power of direction for mayors over their KRN. The proposed measures will affect existing MCAs and any other MCAs that may be established in future, including Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CA and East Midlands CA.

Read the full outcome of the consultation here: [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

Local Gov policy and news

Ministerial appointments revealed

Information on ministerial appointments and portfolios at the department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities have been confirmed:

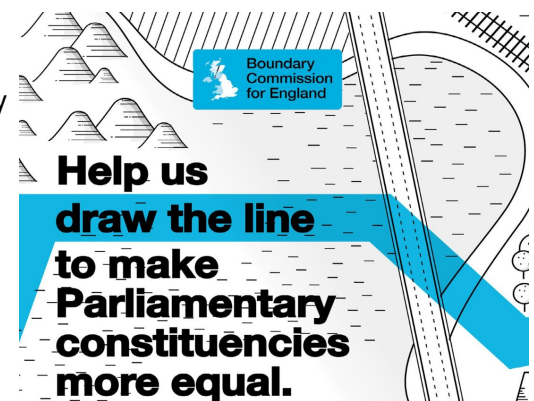
- The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State
- The Rt Hon Lucy Frazer KC MP, Minister of State (Housing and Planning)
- Felicity Buchan MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Housing and Homelessness)
- Dehenna Davison MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Levelling Up)
- Lee Rowley MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Local Government and Building Safety)
- Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Faith and Communities)

Final chance to have your say on boundary review

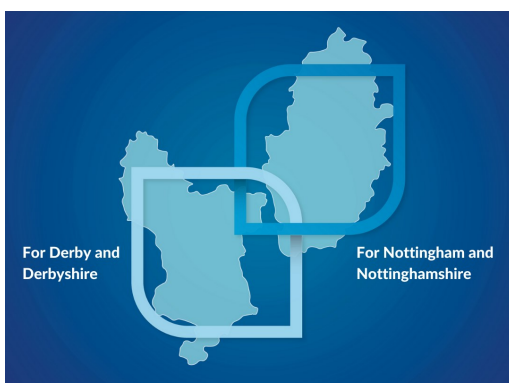
The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is redrawing constituency boundaries in order to rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP, and a final consultation on proposed new constituencies is now open.

A new revised map of constituency proposals, which takes into account feedback sent in by the public on the initial proposals, has been published on the consultation website bcereviews.org.uk.

Send in your views before the closing date of 5 December to have your say on new parliamentary constituency boundaries.



East Midlands Combined Authority—Public consultation begins



A public consultation over devolution plans for Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire has begun .

The deal would mean a new guaranteed funding stream of £1.14 billion, or £38 million a year over the next 30 years to help level up the East Midlands, as well as an extra £16.8 million for new homes on brownfield land and control over a range of budgets like the Adult Education Budget.

The consultation will run from 14 November 2022 until 9 January 2023 and all residents, businesses, voluntary and community sector and other stakeholders are being encouraged to give their views.

Find out more and have your say at eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk

www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk

EMC News

HKBNO Focus Group

As part of our integration work, EMC hosted a focus group with members of the HKBNO community in the region to discuss the content and accessibility of the East Midlands HKBNO Welcome Hub website and social media channels and consider new ways to engage with the community in the region.

Our Welcome Hub website can be found at hkbno.emcouncils.gov.uk

Neurodiversity Training

Yesterday, 17 November, EMC hosted an engaging online session on neurodiversity.

The training introduced members to the idea of neurodiversity, what it is, and understanding what the common conditions are that people experience.

To find out more about our upcoming training opportunities, visit: emcouncils.gov.uk/All-EMC-Events



Upcoming EMC training & events

Vicarious Trauma Training, Monday 12 December 2022, 9am

This online session 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.

Health & Social Care

How health has changed in each council: 2015 to 2020 - Regional breakdown

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has released a new edition of an interactive tool showing how health changed in each council between 2015 and 2020, according to the Health Index.

The Health Index score has a baseline of 100, which represents England's health in 2015. A score higher than 100 means that an area has better health for that measure than was average in 2015, lower than 100 means worse health than the 2015 average.

In the East Midlands, the score has increased from 101 to 101.3. View the data for your local authority via the interactive tool at ons.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

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE
Vice Chair: Cllr Sarah Russell
Vice Chair: Cllr Jonathan Morgan
Conservative Group: Cllr Roger Blaney
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