

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

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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

Communications and Marketing Specialist - East Midlands Councils - A great opportunity exists for a marketing and communications specialist to work with a highly respected regional organisation with national reach.

You will be leading on all of EMC communications and engagement activity, raising our local and national profile across our core responsibilities and promoting our free and income generating services to member councils and partners.

The closing date for applications is Monday 6 June 2022. Interviews will take place week commencing 13 June 2022, further information is available from [here](#).

EMC Boards Activity

East Midlands Councils (EMC) Nomination Process - EMC will shortly be inviting nominations for membership. All local authority member authorities are allocated one place on EMC, which is usually the Leader of the Council unless otherwise specified. In addition to this there are another 40 added places which are allocated based on the political balance of the region. For more information on EMC Representation and Nomination visit [here](#).

EMC Boards Activity

Upcoming board meeting dates;

- **Regional Migration Board** - 8 June 2022
- **Regional Employers' Board and Regional Joint Council** - 9 June 2022
- **Transport for the East Midlands** - 22 June 2022
- **EMC Executive Board** - 24 June 2022
- **EMC Meeting** - 15 July 2022 – 2.00pm start

EMC Councillor Events

Cyber Security workshop for Councillors in the East Midlands - EMC, working collaboratively with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit is hosting two free webinars for Councillors on cyber security.

Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber-attacks. We recognise the value and responsibility you bring to our communities as a councillor, with this in mind we want to ensure that you have strong cyber security protection available to you. With the current news around global conflicts, we are seeing a real increase in targeted cybercrime, to combat this, we will cover topics around securing your digital footprint, securing your social media, how to work in public using technology and practical tips. **Dates and times**- 27 May 2022, 10am - 11am or 8 June 2022, 3pm - 4pm (Virtual workshop using MS Teams). To book a place visit [here](#).

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing

Healthy, cost-effective travel for millions as walking and cycling projects get the green light - Funding worth £200 million announced for new walking and cycling schemes across England. The government's new executive agency Active Travel England, led by Chris Boardman, will oversee the delivery of 134 first-rate schemes, backed by £161 million, which include new footways, cycle lanes and pedestrian crossings across 46 local authorities outside London. In addition to the £161 million for the 134 local authorities schemes, 19 authorities – including in Nottinghamshire, Hull and Manchester – will also receive a share of £1.5 million for “mini-Holland” feasibility studies, to assess how the areas could be as pedestrian and cycle-friendly as their Dutch city equivalents.

People travelling to and around Hope Valley in the heart of the Peak District National Park will be able to do so by public transport, cycling or walking rather than by car thanks to £120,000 of funding also confirmed today. Hope Valley Climate Action's [Travelling Light project](#) will benefit the whole country by leading the way in decarbonising rural travel and giving local residents and visitors more options to benefit their health, as well as conserving the beauty of the national park. Further information available from [here](#).

Low cost CPD programme for Planners 2022/23 - EMC is hosting a low cost CPD knowledge-based for both local authority and private sector planners. The programme will tackle issues of relevance to local planning [details [here](#)].

2022/23 Seminar topics

- Environment Act (a virtual event) - 26 May 2022
- Planning Reform (in person all day) - 15 June 2022 (Attenborough Hall, Leicester City Council)
- Climate Change (a virtual event) - 6 Oct 2022
- Planning with Less (a virtual event) - 24 Nov 2022
- Design (a virtual event) - 26 Jan 2023
- Conservation (a virtual event) - 2 March 2023

The Environment Act workshop on 26 May will include presentations on; the Implications of the Environment Act 2021 for Local Authorities; Biodiversity Net Gain; and a local authority case study.

Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

Homes for Ukraine: new guidance published for organisations and businesses - DLUHC has recently published the following guidance as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme:

- Recognised Providers: Organisations who can help guests from Ukraine find sponsors in the UK
- Recognised Providers: Organisations who can help UK citizens become sponsors
- Guidance for matching organisations
- Guidance for businesses considering making offers of employment to people coming to the UK from Ukraine

The government has also published guidance for businesses considering making offers of employment to people coming to the UK from Ukraine.

Councils are encouraged to share the guidance with organisations in their area. Click on the **links** below to view:

A list of voluntary and community sector organisations running schemes which provide support for and help match people coming from Ukraine with sponsors in the UK:

- [**Recognised Providers: Organisations who can help guests from Ukraine find sponsors in the UK**](#)
- [**Recognised Providers: Organisations who can help UK citizens become sponsors**](#)

This guidance outlines information for voluntary and community sector organisations looking to responsibly facilitate matches between sponsors and guests as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme:

- [**Guidance for matching organisations**](#)

This publication provides guidance for businesses considering making offers of employment to people coming to the UK from Ukraine:

- [**Guidance for businesses offering work to people coming from Ukraine**](#)

For more information visit [here](#).

Ukraine: Anti-trafficking resources - The Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority has produced a range of Ukrainian language anti-trafficking resources which councils may find useful. This includes a checklist poster, a know your rights poster and a leaflet on the issue of workers' rights.

The anti-trafficking charity Hope for Justice has also collated a suite of materials that will support organisations working with new arrivals from Ukraine. And as part of their 'STAY SAFE, WORK SAFE' campaign, Stop the Traffik have produced a helpful resource providing guidance on anti-trafficking and a series of wider issues, available in English, Ukrainian and Russian.

Resources and further information available from [here](#).

Local Government News



The Role of the Civic Head, 31 May 2022 - EMC is hosting a one day workshop for incoming Civic Heads. The intended audience for this event will be those coming into civic office at their Annual Meetings at the end of May, their deputies and their support staff. **How to book** – visit [here](#).

New LGA hub for councillor development resources – The LGA has collated a range of good practice resources relating to councillor development, drawn from councils across England.

This website provides: good practice on member development strategy, induction packs and role profiles, a Member development framework and self-assessment tool from the Charter. For more information visit [here](#).

Work Local: labour market analysis - The LGA commissioned the Institute for Employment studies to undertake an analysis of differences between local labour markets in England.

This paper, produced as part of the LGA's '[Work Local](#)' programme, and presents supplementary analysis of differences between local labour markets in England [details [here](#)].

Work Local: benefits of improving employment and skills outcomes - The LGA commissioned Learning and Work Institute to look at the potential economic, fiscal and social benefits of improving employment and skills outcomes in different types of geographies [details [here](#)].

Online Safety Advice for Parents - the East Midlands Special Operations Unit is hosting a free webinar on how you can keep yourself safe online, an advice sessions for parents. Cyber security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber attacks. Hear from the East Midlands Special Operations Cyber Protect Officers on the latest threats to you and how to stop them from happening. For further information visit [here](#).

Health & Social Care



Funding adult social care – Levelling Up Committee questions Health & Levelling Up Ministers on Government plans

On Monday 23 May from 4pm, the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (LUHC) Committee will hold the final evidence session of its inquiry into long-term funding of adult social care with questions to Kemi Badenoch MP, Minister of State (Minister for Levelling Up Communities), DLUHC and Gillian Keegan MP, Minister for Care, at the Department of Health and Social Care.

The cross-party group of MPs will question Ministers on the long-term funding of adult social care and on the immediate pressures on the sector. The session is also likely to examine the Government's reforms of how people pay for their care and paying a fair rate to providers and questions around wider reform of the adult social care sector [details [here](#)].

EMC Events



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](#)

Effective Chairing of Hybrid Meetings Workshop, 22 June - EMC is hosting a half day training session on 'Effective Chairing of Hybrid Meetings'. The workshop will provide training for chairs to maximise opportunities within hybrid meetings [details [here](#)]. A hybrid meeting is a meeting that includes both participants engaging in the real world and virtually. The workshop has been designed to develop skills around managing and engaging with people in a hybrid meeting. The half day training session will be practical.

EMC Leadership

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