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EMC COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

To support our member councils following the elections, EMC is providing a comprehensive and value for money Councillor Development Programme, complementing the in-house learning provided by your own local authority.

Bookings are now open for the first sessions within our 2023 Programme, including:

- **Chairing Skills**
⇒ Develop your chairing skills in face to face, virtual and hybrid settings.
- **Role of the Civic Head**
⇒ Understanding the role of the Civic Head along with key tips and strategies.
- **Planning Reform**
⇒ An update on the Government's planning reform agenda and the future role of local planning authorities.
- **Hitting the Ground Running—New Councillor Workshop**
⇒ Covering a range of national and regional issues, and further understanding your local ward role

Take a look at our Councillor Development Programme Brochure, and book your place here:

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WE'RE HIRING:

NEW HR & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

East Midlands Councils is looking for an experienced HR & Development Manager to provide support to councils across the East Midlands on the full range of Human Resources and Development activities.

This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of our team, working closely with councils on all HR matters providing advice and practical support.

We are a regional employers' organisation with a strong reputation of enabling councils to address key workforce priorities and issues.

We have hybrid working arrangements, with flexibility to work from home as well as offering a welcoming workplace including a café and free on-site gym and parking.

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CONSULTATION ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – REMINDER

On 17 March, DLUHC published a consultation on the design of a new infrastructure levy to be paid by developers to fund affordable housing and local infrastructure such as GP surgeries, transport links and schools.

The levy is a reform to the existing system of developer contributions – Section 106 planning obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy – in England.

The consultation will inform the design of the levy and of regulations that will set out its operation in detail. A further consultation on the drafting of those regulations will be published in due course.

The consultation closes at 11:45pm on 9 June.

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UK HOUSE PRICE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY 2023

In England, the February data shows that, on average, house prices have fallen 0.8% since January 2023.

The annual price rise of 6.0% takes the average property value to £308,365.

In the East Midlands, on average, house prices have fallen 1.1% since month-on-month.

The average property value is £249,751, which represents an annual increase of 7.4%.

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GOVERNMENT REMINDING PUBLIC TO CHECK THEIR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AHEAD OF LOCAL ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH

With two weeks until local elections take place, the government is reminding people to check that they have accepted photo identification ready and apply for a free voter authority certificate if needed.

Accepted forms of photo identification include driving licences, blue badges, NUS Totum cards and Freedom passes. Voters who do not have accepted photo identification can apply for a free local Voter Authority Certificate by post or online 24 hours a day, up until **5:00pm on 25 April**.

The Electoral Commission has produced partner packs for organisations in England, including councils, to help them raise awareness and support voters with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate.

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REMINDER: UK EMERGENCY ALERT

A UK-wide alerts test will take place this **Sunday 23 April at 3pm**, which will see people receive a test message on their mobile phones.

The Emergency Alerts system will allow government to get urgent messages quickly to nearly 90 per cent of mobile phones in a defined area.

The alert will say:

This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a new UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby.

In a real emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe.

Visit gov.uk/alerts for more information.

This is a test. You do not need to take any action.

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