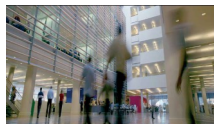


A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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EMC Virtual Exchange, Responding to the Guidance on Living with COVID, 27 April at 10:00 – 11:30

EMC recently circulated updated FAQs that have been developed by the LGA in response to the Government's guidance on the current stage of the response to the pandemic - Living with Covid. Given the flexibility provided by the Government's guidance, we are offering to host a virtual Information Exchange on 27 April to enable sharing of information and approaches in relation to the COVID guidance.

We are pleased to confirm that Philip Bundy, Senior Employment Law Adviser at the LGA can join us, to help with any queries or questions you may have. For more information or to register to attend this virtual exchange for HR officers visit [here](#). If you have any particular issues or queries that you'd like to flag to be covered at the Exchange, then please email them to Sam at sam.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk

Participants in previous Exchanges have found them really useful and we hope that this will be equally valuable.

EMC News

Local Government Apprentice of the Year 2022 - This is a national event with participants across the country competing to become the Local Government Apprentice of the Year 2022. All Councils in England are encouraged to send one apprentice or more, to take part in the event, to make this a truly National celebration of our apprenticeship talent. The event will take place on 25 May (08:30 – 16:30), with colleagues returning on the morning on 26 May (10:00 – 11:00) to celebrate the successes of the day and crown our Local Government Apprentice of the Year.

EMC colleagues will be supporting the delivery of the event and hope to see many apprentices from across the East Midlands take part.

This national event is open to all level 2 and level 3 apprentices in local government across England (current apprentices or recently qualified within last 12 months). The deadline for bookings is 4 May, further information is available [here](#) and the [here](#).

EMC Boards Activity

Regional Migration Board - 8 June 2022

Regional Employers' Board/Joint Council - 9 June 2022

Transport for the East Midlands – 22 June 2022

EMC Executive Board - 24 June 2022

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



Future homebuyers to be freed from expensive ground rent bills on 30 June - The government's ban on charging ground rent on leases in England and Wales comes into force on 30 June 2022 [details [here](#)].

- Ground rent charges will be banned on most new residential leases from 30 June 2022
- Ban will put an end to increasing annual costs
- First step in government reform package to create fairer housing system, levelling up opportunities for more people

Midlands Connect, April Newsletter - available from [here](#). The April edition includes;

- First Strategic Transport Plan since 2017 launched by Midlands Connect
- Greener, fairer stronger' strategy to provide £1.9 billion economic boost
- Plans for EV charging, alternative fuels, rail freight rural transport and more
- Improving our major economic road corridors, including the A46, A5 and A50/500

The Midlands have received support packages as part of the £20m Aerospace UP programme - Midlands aerospace organisations have received a boost as a great range of new expert support packages have been announced for aerospace SMEs, or companies wishing to enter the sector, as part of the £20m Aerospace UP programme.

The new expert support packages will help companies across the Midlands gain competitive advantage through innovation, enhanced productivity, diversification and growth. The areas covered are vital for advanced manufacturing and engineering companies right now such as environmental sustainability, digitisation, additive manufacturing, precision manufacturing, technology road mapping, standards and certification, and IP management. Grants are also still available for SMEs across the Midlands [details [here](#)].

Migration, Asylum Support and Refugee Resettlement

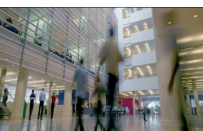
Quarterly Migration Briefing - Q4 2021-2022 - Each quarter, the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership publish a briefing that brings together different sources of information relating to Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants, as well as upcoming training and events [available from [here](#)]. This briefing contains information from Q4 of 2021/2022 and includes key recent announcements.

Homes for Ukraine sponsorship scheme, numbers of visas issued - Numbers of visas issued sponsored by individuals, by local authority in separate tables for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Tables also include numbers of visas issued sponsored by the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government.

This is an ad-hoc release of management information and does not constitute an Official Statistics or National Statistics release. It relates to [Ukraine Family Scheme and Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme: visa data](#) published by the Home Office [details [here](#)].

Local Government News



UK Shared Prosperity Fund England Webinars - To support the launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), local authorities are invited to nominate representatives to attend an official led webinar. These sessions will be led by Saba Tahzib, Deputy Director for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, joined by colleagues from other government departments.

It would be preferable to attend the relevant regional workshop – this is to reduce the numbers on the call, although if you can't attend on a specific date, you are welcome to join one of the other events as the majority of the content will be the same.

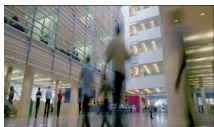
The East Midlands event will be hosted on Microsoft Teams on Monday 25 April: 14:00, for more information about this event contact pete.holmes@beis.gov.uk

Levelling Up Fund

- Technical note - [here](#)
- Round 2 application guidance - [here](#)

UK Shared Prosperity Funds - Last week's publication of the UKSPF prospectus [[here](#)] and Multiply prospectus, funding allocations and investment plan questions are available [here](#).

Local Government News



LGA Publication, 'Must Know: long COVID What is the role of local government?' - Data from the Office for National Statistics has suggested 3 to 12 per cent of adults infected with coronavirus have symptoms 12 weeks after an initial infection. The LGA's Must Know explains what support is available and how councils are working to provide support [details [here](#)].

Levelling-up Committee examines Government plans - On Monday 25th April from 4pm, the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (LUHC) Committee will hold the fourth evidence session of its inquiry into long-term funding of adult social care.

The cross-party group of MPs will question representatives from the Local Government Association, UNISON, and Pixel Financial Management. Witnesses will be asked for their views on the long-term funding of adult social care as well as immediate pressures on the sector. MPs are likely to examine Government reforms of how people pay for their care and paying a fair rate to providers. The session will also consider wider reform of the adult social care sector [[here](#)].

Levelling up: sizing the prize, seizing the prize - In this essay, RSA CEO Andy Haldane focuses on several issues in the white paper that are central to the success of the levelling up programme. What do we need to know so we can fundamentally reshape the UK's economic geography? The essay is available from [here](#).

Improving outcomes for the youngest children in the youth justice system, Wednesday 27 April 2022, 10.30am – 12.00pm - this LGA webinar will share findings of research that sets out ways to support the youngest children in the youth justice system. Delegates will also have the opportunity to hear from a range of local authorities and partners who have implemented different ways to ensure that children and their families are supported [details [here](#)].

Staying Safe Online, Cyber Security Advice for Individuals - Join East Midlands Special Operations Unit, as they host a free Webinar on how you can keep yourself safe online. The webinar is held in partnership with Northamptonshire Police and their Cyber Protect Team. They will cover; keeping your online accounts safe with secure passwords, along with other helpful tips and general cyber security advice.

Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber-attacks. Hear from East Midlands Special Operations Cyber Protect Officers on the latest threats to you and how to stop them from happening.

[Staying Safe Online - Cyber Security Advice for Individuals Tickets, Fri 29 Apr 2022 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

EMC Events



Introduction to Neurodiversity, 22 June 2022 - 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. At the end of the session you should have an increased knowledge about neurodiverse conditions and the ways to best support someone. This virtual session is suitable for anyone throughout your organisation, but is particularly useful for those working in team leading positions, learning and development teams and human resources [details [here](#)].

Simplifying Coaching - Having more transformational conversations by doing less, 7 Jun 2022 13:00 - The East Midlands Coaching Network is hosting a Coach development session on 7 June - 'Simplifying Coaching - Having more transformational conversations by doing less', with coach and author of 'Simplifying Coaching' Claire Pedrick [[here](#)].

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