

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

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Decarbonisation of Transport and Electric Vehicles, 2 November 2021



EMC Virtual Workshop on Planning Reform for Councillors, 30 November



Midlands Connect funding to develop the case for local road improvements



EMC Events for Councillors and Officers

Councillor Development Session on Climate Change - Decarbonisation of Transport and Electric Vehicles, 2 November 2021

East Midlands Councils, the LGA and Midlands Energy Hub have been working in partnership to offer a series of virtual interactive workshops for Councillors on Climate Change. The fourth workshop in this series of events will focus on Decarbonisation of Transport and Electric Vehicles. The programme for the event will include:-

Overview of Decarbonisation of Transport and East Midlands Landscape - Steven Scarott, Midlands Connect, providing an overview of decarbonation of transport, what this looks like and means in an East Midlands context and sharing how Midlands Connect and Councils in the region are working in partnership on this agenda.

The role and impact of local authorities in decarbonisation of transport - Fiona Appleton, Energy Savings Trust, on the role councils and councillors can play in decarbonising transport.

Spotlight: Electric Vehicles Infrastructure - Bharat Pathania, Midlands Connect, on the role of electric vehicles in decarbonising public and private transport, and how dynamics may differ in urban and rural contexts.

Date - 2 November 2021, 14:00 - 16:00

This is a fully subsidised event and is free. To book a place please use the online booking form via the link below.

The workshop will take place virtually via Zoom. To book a place visit [here](#).

EMC Virtual Workshop on Planning Reform for Councillors, 30 November 2021

EMC is hosting a 2-hour virtual workshop for Councillors in the East Midlands on Planning Reform. The workshop will explore the emerging planning reform agenda following the appointment of Michael Gove as the new Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The event will also provide Councillors with the opportunity to share their perspectives on what changes to the planning system would work best locally.

Key speakers include

- Hugh Ellis, Director of Policy, Town and County Planning Association
- Malcolm Sharp
- Andrew Pritchard, Director of Policy & Infrastructure, East Midlands Councils

This event will form part of a proposed series of EMC workshops for Councillors on Planning Reform, including a session on the draft Planning legislation once this is published.

Date - 30 November 2021, 14:00 - 16:00

Cost - the workshop is fully subsidised and free to attend.

This workshop will be held virtually using Zoom. To book a place please visit [here](#).

EMC News

EMC Boards Activity

Regional Employers' Board/ Regional Joint Council – 24 November 2021

Regional Migration Board – 30 November 2021

Executive Board – 3 December 2021

Transport for the East Midlands - 6 December 2021

Infrastructure, Planning & Housing



Councils receive funding to develop the case for local road improvements from Midlands Connect, with 2 in the East Midlands - Coventry's Ring Road, Lincolnshire's A17, Staffordshire's A511, Sandwell's A461 near Great Bridge, Dudley's A461 between Dudley, Brierley Hill and Stourbridge and Leicestershire County Council will all benefit from Midlands Connect support.

Midlands Connect is giving six local authorities in the region up to £50,000 to develop the case for investment in local roads. Critically, this cash will allow local councils to assess the feasibility of key schemes in their area, potentially paving the way to seeking Government support for these improvements if viable options can be found.

The Major Road Network (MRN) forms a middle tier of the country's busiest and most economically-important local authority 'A' roads. The schemes supported today will all reduce congestion, support housing and employment growth, encourage people to walk, cycle and use public transport, and provide better links to motorways and major trunk roads [for more information visit [here](#)].

- Lincolnshire County Council - A17 Corridor - Heckington
- Leicestershire County Council - Leicestershire's Major Road Network - Strategic Study

The Climate Crisis - a guide for local authorities on planning for climate change - The Royal Town Planning Institute and Town & Country Planning Association have published *The Climate Crisis – a guide for local authorities on planning for climate change*. This introductory level resource provides an overview of UK policy and legislation which can be used to address climate change at a local level and explains how this should be interpreted in local development plan and development management processes. The publication can be found [here](#).

Local Government News

New one stop service for GOV.UK unveiled

- Plans to simplify how people access online government services via an app have been set out by Steve Barclay, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster when he outlined the vision for digital government at a global tech event. The new app will allow people to access services much more easily, instead of having to go through multiple online processes. It will give users the option to use the technology in their smartphones to quickly access government services online via GOV.UK [details [here](#)].

Local Government Pay 2021

The National Employers met on 19th Oct 2021 and agreed by a majority to reaffirm as full and final the pay offers made previously in respect of local government services ('Green Book'), Craftworker ('Red Book'), Chief Executives and Chief Officers. A copy of the circular can be found [here](#).

Health & Social Care

COVID-19 Vaccination data

- Available from this link [Vaccinations in East Midlands | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#)
- Available from this link [Interactive map of vaccinations | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

COVID-19 case data - Available from this link [Cases in East Midlands | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

EMC Events

Cultural Adjustment Session, IOM UK , 2nd and 3rd Nov 2021– EMC is hosting a 2-hour virtual Cultural Adjustment session on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 & Wednesday 3rd November 2021 from 2pm-4:00pm delivered by the International Organisation for Migration UK (IOM UK). The event will be based on feedback from past IOM training in the region. This session will discuss the resettlement process, IOM pre-departure services, and cultural adjustment and integration of refugees after they arrive [further details are [here](#)].

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