EastMidlands Councils POLICY BRIEF

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EMC Annual General Meeting taking place next month



East Midlands APPG: First evidence session held



New Councillor Workshop coming soon



East Midlands Councils Membership Survey

EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The EMC Annual General Meeting will take place at 10.00am on Friday, 14th July 2023 at Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP.

All councillors in the East Midlands are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be available from 9.00am with political pre-meetings taking place at 9.30am.

The main meeting will start at 10.00am with lunch from 12.00pm.

A full agenda will be made available shortly.

HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING – NEW COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP

Friday 14th July 2023, 13.30 - 16.00

East Midlands Councils is hosting a free half day workshop for newly Elected Members.

All new councillors are invited to this session which has been specifically designed to support newly elected members to help them "hit the ground running" in their new role.

This session aims to complement individual council's induction programmes by covering a range of national and regional issues as well as further understanding the local ward role.

This session also provides valuable networking opportunities with other newly elected and experienced councillors from across the region.

The session will include:

- Discussing your early experiences so far and the questions that still remain
- The role of the Modern Councillor
- National and Regional Priorities, challenges and opportunities
- Understanding the challenges in your ward role
- Learning and tips from experienced councillors
- How East Midlands Councils and the Local Government Association can support you

This is an informal, interactive session where you will benefit from the learning, the opportunity to ask questions and making new connections.



EAST MIDLANDS APPG

This week the East Midlands APPG held its first evidence session for its inquiry into the wider social and economic benefits (and opportunities) of major infrastructure investment in the East Midlands.

The session was chaired EM APPG co-chairs Nigel Mills, MP for Amber Valley, and Alex Norris, MP for Nottingham North.

Evidence was heard from Cllr Tricia Gilby, Leader of Chesterfield Borough Council, and Cllr Nick Worth, Leader of South Holland District Council, as well as Maria Machancoses, CEO of Midlands Connect, Matt Lamb, Director of Planning and Growth and Newark and Sherwood District Council, Karen Notman, Midlands Highways Alliance Plus Manager, and Andrew Rouse, Programme Manager at Environment Agency.



PLANNING REFORM - ONE YEAR ON

East Midlands APPG

East Midlands Councils was pleased to host another successful conference on planning reform yesterday, with over 70 attendees.

We discussed key aspects of the Government's planning reform agenda and the future role of local planning authorities, hearing from guest speakers from Government, academia, and the legal and private sectors.

A huge thank you to all of our expert speakers and attendees - We hope you found this session useful and enjoyable!



EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

East Midlands Councils (EMC) is keen to hear from its membership to help inform our upcoming Programme of events, services and support.

Feedback from both Councillors and Officers is key to ensuring that our work is tailored to the priorities of the sector and brings value to our membership.

This survey should take no more than five minutes to complete, and the feedback will help inform the scope of our services and wider support provided to our membership over the coming year.

SURVEY

EMC Leadership

Chair: Cllr Martin Hill OBE Vice Chair: Cllr Sarah Russell Labour Group: Cllr Rob Parker Independent Group: Cllr Jason Zadrozny Executive Director: Stuart Young



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